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BIRTHS.

BROUGH.—On Saturday, the 2nd of February, at 23, Belgrave-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham the wife of ALFRED HENRY BROUGH (née Hannah Woolf), of a son. Bris Milah Sunday next, at 2·30 p.m.

JOSEPH.—On the 3rd of February, at "Palace House," 412, Mile End-road, the wife of MARK JOSEPH, of a daughter.

LEE.—On the 2nd of February, at "Valetta," 126, Brondesbury-villas, the wife of MYER B. LEE (née Ester Hassan), of a son.

MORRIS.—On Friday, the 25th of January, the wife of B MORRIS (née Annie Palterovitch), of a daughter.

VAN DER VELDE.—On the 1st of February, at 78, Samuel-street, Leeds, the wife of BARNETT VAN DER VELDE (née Annie Lyons), of a son.

BARMITZVAH

JACOBS.—HYMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. I JACOBS, 11, Spital-square, Bishopsgate, late 7, White-street, Houndsditch, will read a portion of the Law on Saturday, the 9th of February. "At Home," on Saturday, from 4 p.m. Friends and relatives accept this, the only intimation.

GOLDSTONE.—MARK, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. GOLDSTONE, of 130, King-street, Great Yarmouth, will read the Cedra at the Synagogue on ש״ק פ׳ משפטים. Reception Saturday and Sunday, February 16th and 17th.

MITCHELL.—JOSEPH eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M MITCHELL, of 336, Mile End-road, E., will read a portion of the Law at the East London Synagogue, Stepney, on the 16th of February. Relatives and friends please accept this only intimation.

FIANCES.

HARRIS : BURMAN.—LOTTIE, eldest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ISAAC HARRIS, of 94, Huskisson-street, to ALFRED, only son of the Rev. and Mrs. BURMAN, of 17, Berkeley-street, both of Liverpool.

SPRINGFEDER : OLIVER.—REGINA, only daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. SPRINGFEDER, of 102, Herbert-street, Hightown, Manchester, to GEORGE, youngest son of Mrs. and the late DAVID OLIVER, of Warsaw. French, German and Russian papers please copy.

WEBER : TRAMBERG.—ANNIE, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ELIAS WEBER, of 32, Mount-street, New-road, E, to LIONEL, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs J. TRAMBERG, of 8, Davis's-terrace, Hunt-street, Mile End New Town, E.

MARRIAGES.

BERSHACH : KLINGER.—On Sunday the 27th of January, at Western Synagogue Haymarket, by the Rev. H. Davids, assisted by the Rev. G. Friedlander, NELLIE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. BERSHACH, 24, Beak-street, W., to Mr. HARRY KLINGER, 20, Sherwood-street, W.

COHEN : HALLEL.—On the 27th of January at the South Hackney Synagogue, by the Rev. S. Levy, B.A., assisted by Rev. S. Blachman, ESTHER (Hettie), only daughter of ELIAS COHEN and late Bertha Cohen, of 85, Graham-road, Dalston, to ISIDORE, eldest son of Mrs. SARAH HALLEL and late Nathan Hallel, of 78, Frampton Park-road, Hackney. African papers please copy.

DA COSTA : COSTA.—On Sunday, the 3rd of February, at the Vestry Room of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Bevis Marks, by the Haham Dr. Gaster, assisted by the Rev. S. Conquy, REBECCA, youngest daughter of the late JOHN and ROSA GOMEZ DA COSTA, to SOL, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. GABRIEL COSTA.

DAVIS : NATHAN.—On the 6th of February, 1901, at the Hampstead Synagogue, by the Rev. S. Singer, assisted by the Rev. J. Stoloff, MAURICE DAVIS, of 118, King Henry's-road, N.W., son of the late John and Adelaide Davis, of Melbourne, to FREDA, youngest daughter of the late ALFRED NATHAN, of Birmingham, and of Mrs. Nathan, of Fairhazel-gardens, South Hampstead, N.W.

GOLTMAN : MONET.—On the 6th of February, at the Synagogue, Robinson-row, Hull, by the Rev. I. A. Levy, assisted by the Rev. I. Gosschalk, of Grimsby, HELENA, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. GOLTMAN, 65, Freehold-street, Hull, to LOUIS MONET, of Middlesbrough.

MARRIAGES.

LEVY : ISAACS.—On Tuesday, the 5th of February, at the Borough Synagogue, by the Revs. F. L Cohen and N. Goldston, assisted by the Rev. M. L. Cohen, LYDIA, daughter of Mrs. F. M. LEVY, of Pendrell-road, Brockley, granddaughter (adopted daughter) of the late Hyam Levy, of Casella-road, New Cross, to MARK, fourth son of HENRY and the late MIRIAM (May) ISAACS, of 153, Borough High-street.

YUDELMAN : WANSKER.—On Tuesday, the 29th of January, at the Great Synagogue, by the Rev. Dr. Salomon, assisted by the Revs. H. Newman and I. Levien, SADIE, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B Yudelman, of 98, Elizabeth-street, Manchester, to ABRAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. WANSKER, also of Manchester.

SILVER WEDDING.

SCHWALBE : LEVY.—ANNIE SCHWALBE to SOLOMON LEVY, married, London, by the late Dr. Adler, at the Great Synagogue, the 9th February, 1876, will celebrate their silver wedding at their residence, 168, President-street, Johannesburg, on February 9th, 1901.

THOMAS : BELCHER.—On the 9th of February, 1876, at the Birmingham Synagogue, by the Rev. G. J. Emanuel, B.A., assisted by the late Revs. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Hollander, SIMON, eldest son of SAMUEL and the late BLUMAH THOMAS, to BETSY, the second daughter of HARRIS and DORAH BELCHER.—Mr and Mrs. Simon Thomas, Churchgate, Leicester.

DEATHS.

ABRAHAMS.—On the 31st of January, SOPHIA, beloved daughter of ADELAIDE and the late LEWIS ABRAHAMS, of 63, Graham-road, Dalston. Deeply mourned by her sorrowing mother, brothers and sisters; and beloved by all who knew her. God rest her dear soul.

ABRAHAMS.—On the 31st of January, SOPHIA, beloved sister of SAMUEL ABRAHAMS, of 4, Elgin-avenue, Maida Vale. Deeply mourned by her sorrowing brother, and all who knew her. God rest her dear soul. Shiva at above address.

ALEXANDER.—On the 31st of January, at Brighton, LIONEL LINLO ALEXANDER of 3 Sussex-place, Regents Park, and the Stock Exchange, aged 18.

ANDRADE.—On the 25th of January, at Bournemouth, RACHEL, the beloved wife of M. DE COSTA ANDRADE, of "Ashurst," Sydenham, in her 74th year.

BARNETT.—On Thursday the 7th of February, 1901, at 216, Cambridge-road, HARRIETT, beloved wife of LOUIS BARNETT. Deeply mourned by her sorrowing husband, sons, daughters and large circle of friends. May her unblemished soul rest in eternal peace. Funeral leaves for Plashet Cemetery Sunday, February 10th next, at 1 o'clock.

BAUM.—On Friday, the 1st of February, 1901, SARA, beloved wife of H. BAUM, 40, New road, E., aged 39. Deeply mourned by her sorrowing husband, children, and relatives. May her dear soul rest in peace. ת נ צ ב ה. Australian papers please copy.

DAVIS.—On the 5th of February, at 59, Gordon-square, W.C., after a long illness, DAVID DAVIS, in his 79th year. Funeral will leave for Willesden on Sunday at 11. No flowers by desire.

FREEDMAN.—On Wednesday, the 30th of January, 1901, at 3, St. Mary's-street, Swansea, RACHEL, the beloved daughter of FANNY and the late BARNETT FREEDMAN, in her 21st year.

GERSHON.—On Tuesday, the 5th of February, at his residence, "Belmont," Higher Broughton, Manchester, after two days' illness, JOSEPH GERSHON, in his 52nd year, to the inexpressible grief of his sorrowing wife, children, brothers, sisters and friends. May his dear soul rest in peace.

MARKS.—On the 5th of February, at 34, Burton-crescent, after a long and painful illness, ETHEL, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. MARKS. Deeply mourned by her parents, sisters and brothers. May her soul rest in peace.

NATHAN.—On the 26th of January, 1901, at 37, Cecil-street, Plymouth, HANNAH NATHAN, aged 74 years. Beloved by her relatives and friends. God rest her soul.

RANTZEN.—On Saturday last, the 2nd of February, TEMAH RANTZEN, mother of I. A. Rantzen, 82, Maida-vale, W., aged 96. May her dear soul rest in peace.

ROBERT.—On the 1st of February, at 79, Francis-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, LOUIS ROBERT, aged 62. May his dear soul rest in peace.

DEATHS.

SAMUELSON.—On the 3rd of February, ELIAS SAMUELSON (late of Dublin), of 49, Maddox-street, W., and 16, Acol-road, N.W. The funeral took place on Wednesday last, from 48, Warrington-crescent, Maida Vale, W.

SCHEFF.—On the 31st of January, 1901, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Solomon, 39, Grantham-road, Sandyford, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Rev. ABRAHAM ISAAC SCHEFF, late of Nottingham and North Shields congregations. Deeply mourned by sorrowing sons and daughters.

WHALLEY.—[By cable.]—On the 31st of January, at the Remount Camp, Port Elizabeth, of pneumonia, my dearly beloved husband, HERBERT WHALLEY, aged 43.—10, Gascony-avenue, Hampstead, N.W.

IN MEMORIAM.

In ever loving memory of our beloved husband and father, ISAAC JONAS, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, who departed this life February 6th, 1898. May his soul rest in peace.

In affectionate remembrance of our dear sister, the late Madame MATHILDE LOEWE, who died on February the 10th, 1891.

In loving memory of ISABEL ROLFE, who died on the 10th of February, 1893. Ever missed.

In ever loving memory of my dear mother, JANE MOSS, who died 15th of January, 1900, corresponding with Shebat 14th. May her dear soul rest in peace.—Nathan Moss, "Holly Bank," Hargreaves-road, Sefton-park, Liverpool.

In loving memory of our beloved sister, FRANCES ROSENTHAL, who departed this life February 8th, 1895.

In loving memory of my darling and beloved sister, KATE BAMBERG, late of 4, Tredegar-road, Bow, 6th February, 1900. May her dear soul rest in peace.

In loving remembrance of our beloved mother, SARAH VAN VLIET, who passed away at Dulwich, January 30th, 1898.

In loving memory of my dear wife LAURA HARDING, who died Tuesday, January 27th 1891, corresponding with the 18th of Shebat, 5651.

In ever loving memory of my dear father, ABRAHAM ANIDJAH ROMAIN, who departed this life Shebat 20th, 5658.—Mrs. G. H. Marks, 12, Beaumont-street, Mile End.

In ever loving memory of my dear husband and father, who departed this life on the 23rd of Shebat, 5659—corresponding with the 3rd of February, 1899. Deeply mourned by his sorrowful wife, Mrs. I Harris, and Mr D. Harris, 3, Merchant street, Bow, Mr. A. Harris, 59, Merchant-street, Mr. H. Harris, 2, St. Helen's-terrace, Mr. A. Harris, 24, Bloomsbury-square, Mrs. M. Samuels, 47, Merchant-street, Mr. Moss Harris, 20, British-street, and Mrs. Levy, 145, Kentish Town-road. May his dear soul rest in peace.

In affectionate memory of my dear father, MICHAEL DAVID MITCHELL, who departed this life February 13th, 1892. God rest his soul.—13, Clarendon-road, Edgbaston.

In loving memory of JOSEPH FREEMAN, of Hull, who passed peacefully away on January 23rd, 1900—Shebat 23rd, 5660. Ever missed and mourned by his wife and children. May his dear soul rest in everlasting peace.

In loving memory of our beloved mother and grandmother, FREDERICKA ARENSBERG, who died on the 3rd of February, 1896. Her memory will never fade.—Mrs. Zalig Wolfe, Knowsley House, Brudenell-road, Hyde Park, Leeds.

In loving memory of our dear mother, ELIZABETH NATHAN, of 44, Beaumont-square, who departed this life on the 18th of Shebat, corresponding with the 4th of February, 1893. Gone but not forgotten. God rest her soul. Amen.

In fond memory of our dear one, LENA, the loved wife of DAVID DAVIDSON, who passed away at Johannesburg, February 11th, 1896.

In ever loving memory of our dear husband and father, HENRY FISHER, who died February 6th, 1889; also of JULIA, beloved daughter of ROSINA and the late HENRY FISHER, who died February 16th, 1891. Rest in peace.

In loving memory of my dear father, ISAAC JONAS, who passed away February 6th, 1898; also my dear brother, MAURICE JONAS, who passed away February 23rd, 1896. Never forgotten. 33, Northolme-road, Highbury-park, N.

SAMUEL LEWIS, deceased.

NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Act of Parliament 22 and 23 Victoria chapter 35 that all persons having any CLAIMS or demands upon or against the estate of SAMUEL LEWIS late of No. 17 Cork-street Burlington-gardens in the County of Middlesex No. 23 Grosvenor-square in the same County and No. 13 Brunswick-terrace Brighton in the County of Sussex Esquire deceased (who died on the 13th day of January 1901 and whose Will was proved by Ada Hannah Lewis of No. 23 Grosvenor-square aforesaid widow the undersigned Ernest Henry Davies of No 30 Bedford-row in the said County of Middlesex Solicitor Augustus Jacobs of No. 44 Clifton-gardens Maida-vale in the said County of Middlesex Esquire and the undersigned Algernon Edward Sydney of Moorfields-chambers Nos. 95 and 97 Finsbury-pavement in the City of London Solicitor the Executors therein named on the 24th day of January 1901 in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice) are hereby required to send in the particulars of their debts or claims to the said executors at the offices of the said Algernon Edward Sydney at Moorfields Chambers Nos 95 and 97 Finsbury Pavement aforesaid on or before the 11th day of March 1901 And notice is hereby also given that after that day the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Samuel Lewis deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice and that they will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 31st day of January 1901

ALGERNON E. SYDNEY
Solicitor for the said Executors
Moorfields Chambers 95 and 97
Finsbury pavement London E.C.

E. H. DAVIES
Solicitor 30 Bedford Row London W.C. one of the said Executors.

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S. ASHKANAZY and CHILDREN together with Mrs. J. FRANKEL return sincere THANKS for kind visits letters, wires and cards of condolence received during the week of their mourning for their beloved wife and mother.—58, High-street, Dartford.

MRS. LEWIS EMANUEL, Mrs. M. MITCHELL and Mrs. E. BENDON tender their sincere THANKS for visits and cards received during the week of mourning for their beloved mother.

MR. and Mrs. LOUIS JACOBS and DAUGHTER, and Mr. DANIEL JACOBS, of 12, Wilderton-road, Stamford-hill, with Mr. ALEXANDER JACOBS, of Sunderland, return THANKS for visits, letters, cards and telegrams received during the week of mourning for their beloved son and brother, Charles Caspar Jacobs.

MR. BARNETT LUDSKI returns sincere THANKS for letters, cards and visits of condolence received during his week of mourning for his dear lamented wife. 63, Commercial-street.

MR. W. LUDSKI, of 36, Sandringham-road; Mr. SAMUEL LUDSKI, of 57, Mildmay Park; and Mrs BERTHA ALEXANDRA, formerly of South Africa, return their sincere THANKS for letters, cards and visits of condolence received during their week of mourning for their dearly beloved mother. May her soul rest in peace.

MR. and Mrs. HENRY MARTIN and FAMILY, with Mrs. D. ALVAREZ and Mrs. J. BITTAN, return THANKS to their friends for visits and expressions of sympathy during the week of mourning for their beloved son and brother. They wish particularly to express their gratitude to the community of Liverpool for all the kindness received at their hands.

MRS. S. MILLER and Miss RAINS return THANKS for visits, cards and letters of condolence received during the week of mourning for their late lamented brother ELEAZER SOLOMON RAINS. 10, Great Prescot-street, Goodman's-fields.

MRS. E. S. RAINS (née Lily Bernstein) and DAUGHTERS return THANKS for kind expressions of sympathy received during the week of mourning for their beloved husband and father.—2, Clovelly Mansions, Gray's Inn-road.

MR. S. RAINS returns THANKS for visits, letters and cards received on the death of his brother, Eleazer Rains. 25, Donaldson-road, Kilburn.

THE HUSBAND, SONS and DAUGHTERS of the late Mrs. I. H. VALENTINE (Yetta), of 72A, Brushfield-street, Spitalfields, return THANKS for kind expressions of sympathy and condolence.

THE TOMBSTONE in loving memory of the late EMANUEL and PAULINA ABRAHAMS (of 116, Cable-street), will be SET at Plashet Cemetery on SUNDAY next, February 10th, at 3·30

THE TOMBSTONE in memory of the late LAWRENCE ENGEL will be SET, at Willesden Cemetery at 12 o'clock on SUNDAY, February 17th. Relatives and friends will kindly accept this, the only intimation.

THE TOMBSTONE of the late BERNARD GROSSBAUM, ז״צל, will be SET at Edmonton Cemetery on SUNDAY, the 10th inst., at 3 p.m.

MR. and MRS. JOHN CRABB desire to THANK their relatives and friends for the handsome and numerous presents given to them upon the occasion of their marriage, and will be pleased to see them all at No. 9, High-street, Deptford, S.E.

MR. and Mrs. S. DRUKKER beg to THANK their relatives and friends for their numerous and handsome presents, telegrams, letters and cards received on the occasion of their silver wedding.—85, Middlesex-street, Aldgate.

MR. and Mrs. BARON SHUTER, 31, Lidfield-road, Green-lanes, "At Home" Saturday, February 9th, 1 till 5, on the occasion of the BARMITZVAH of their nephew, MORITZ ABRAHAMS.

ברית מלה

CANTOR and Mrs. Boyarsky of 158, Stocks-street, Cheetham, Manchester, request their friends to attend the Circumcision of their infant son, on Tuesday, February 13th, at 10 a.m. No cards.

GLASGOW.—FIRST CLASS כשר RESTAURANT, Mrs. I. Luransky, 166, Sauchiehall-street, Wellington-arcade (1st entry), Glasgow.

CENTRAL HEBREW CONGREGATION
TEMPLAR STREET, LEEDS.

THE President and Committee of above Congregation beg to ACKNOWLEDGE with thanks a donation of £25, from Mrs. Lewis, of Grosvenor-square, in memory of her late and lamented husband, Mr. Samuel Lewis.

SPITAL SQUARE SYNAGOGUE,
SPITAL-SQUARE, E.

THE Wardens of the above Synagogue beg to tender their best THANKS to Mr. A. W. Turner, of Jews' College, for his able sermon delivered at the Memorial Service for the late lamented Queen.

By order,
A. PRINS, Secretary.

THE Very Rev. the CHIEF RABBI will deliver a SERMON in the BAYSWATER SYNAGOGUE on SABBATH next, 9th February, שׁק׳ פ׳ יתרו ה׳ב׳נ׳ל.

SABBATH AFTERNOON ADDRESSES TO JEWISH WORKING MEN & WOMEN.

THE Rev. S. MELNICK will deliver the ADDRESS TO-MORROW at the Great Synagogue, during the Mincha Service.

BY ORDER.

BAYSWATER JEWISH SCHOOLS,
179, HARROW ROAD, W.

THE DISTRIBUTION of PRIZES to the Pupils of these Schools will take place at the PADDINGTON BATHS HALL, Queen's-road, Bayswater, on SUNDAY, 17th February, at Three o'clock precisely.

The prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Mendl.

S. F. MENDL, Esq., will preside.

BAYSWATER JEWISH SCHOOLS,
179, HARROW ROAD, W.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at the PADDINGTON BATHS HALL, Queen's-road, Bayswater, on SUNDAY, February 17th, 1901, at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the Committee, and a Financial Statement; to elect Honorary Officers and Members of the Committee, and the Ladies' Committee.

Any Governor or Subscriber desiring to nominate a Member of the Committee, must give notice thereof to the Honorary Secretary, with the name of the nominee, seven days prior to the Annual Meeting.

By order,
R. HARRIS,
Hon. Secretary.

February 3rd, 1901.

A MOST earnest APPEAL is made for Mr. SILLIERS, No. 2, Baker's-court, who has seven children, and is suffering from consumption and unable to follow his employment as slipper-maker. It is proposed, therefore, to start him in some small business. Mr DAVIS, of 35, Sidney-street, Commercial-road, E., has kindly undertaken to receive subscriptions.

Amount already collected £3 2 0

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held on SUNDAY next, February 10th, at 6 p.m. at the HIGHTOWN SYNAGOGUE, for the purpose of purchasing and rebuilding same. Chair will be taken by N. LASKI, Esq., supported by B. Kostoris, Esq., and several other influential Jewish gentlemen. All are earnestly invited.

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JEWS' HOSPITAL AND ORPHAN ASYLUM.
WEST NORWOOD.

President:
Sir George Faudel-Phillips, Bart., G.C.I.E.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at the Institution, West Norwood, on

SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1901,
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE DAY.

To elect HONORARY OFFICERS and COMMITTEE for the year.

To elect FIVE BOYS and SEVEN GIRLS as inmates.

To receive the Treasurer's Accounts for the past year, and the Annual Report of the state of the Institution.

To consider and (if approved) adopt the following alteration in the Scheme of Amalgamation which has been recommended by the Committee.

CLAUSE 6E.—"That in lieu of the words '30 Male Governors of the conjoint Institution' there be substituted '33 Governors of the conjoint Institution of whom not more than 3 may be Female and that not more than one Female Governor be a member of any sub-Committee' and that the election of the 3 additional members of the Committee do take place in 1901 at such time and place as the Committee may appoint and in every subsequent year at the General Court."

And for such other business as may occur.

THE BALLOT will commence at TWO and close at HALF-PAST THREE o'clock precisely.

By order,
A. ABRAHAMS,
Secretary (*pro tem.*)

Hamilton House,
149, Bishopsgate-street-without, E.C.

Trains leave as follows:
London Bridge for West Norwood ... 1·45
" " Tulse Hill ... 1·30
Victoria for West Norwood 12·35 and 1·30

N.B.—NO CHILDREN (Candidates included) will be allowed to visit the Institution this day.

SOCIETY FOR RELIEVING THE AGED NEEDY OF THE JEWISH FAITH.

THE BALL in aid of the above Society to be held at the EMPRESS ROOMS, ROYAL PALACE HOTEL, KENSINGTON,

has been **POSTPONED** to
TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 1901.

ALL TICKETS already issued will be AVAILABLE FOR THAT DATE.

Patron:
THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR.

Applications for Tickets (15/6) to include champagne at supper, Subscriptions and Donations will be gratefully received by

EDWARD A. JOSEPH,
14, Brondesbury-road, N.W.
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MORTIMER H. SOLOMON,
14, Kensington Palace Gardens, W.
Hon. Secs. Ball Committee.

"THE PREMIER BAND," Conductor Phil Abrahams, G.S.M., Engagements can now be made for Dances, Weddings, &c Address 45, New Castle-street, Aldgate.

ABENDANA MEMORIAL FUND.

A COMMITTEE has been formed with the object of raising a fund to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Hananal Abendana, and have decided to found a Scholarship in the Spanish and Portuguese Orphan Asylum. The undermentioned will be pleased to receive Subscriptions from any friends willing to co-operate.

ISAAC DAVIS, Chairman, 61-63, High-street, Whitechapel, E.

PERCY M. CASTELLO, Treasurer, 38, Throgmorton-street, E.C.

JOHN M. LEVENE, Hon Sec., 61-63, High-street, Whitechapel, E.

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Moss Woolf, Esq.	5	5	0
D. Castello and Sons, per Percy M. Castello, Esq.	5	5	0
Isaac Davis, Esq.	5	5	0
Hy. Richardson, Esq.	5	5	0
Mrs. Hy. Richardson	1	1	0
H. Chetham, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs Chetham	1	1	0
P Vallentine, Esq.	1	1	0
P. Hart, Esq....	1	1	0
L. Levy, Esq.		10	6
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(MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL),
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(Founded 1804).

This Hospital is open daily for the relief of the poor, of every country and denomination, suffering from disease of the EYE.

THE COMMITTEE MOST EARNESTLY APPEAL FOR £5,000 IN NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO CARRY ON THE WORK.

ROBERT J. BLAND,
Secretary.

ESSAY COMPETITION, R.S.P.C.A.
1901.
LAST DAY, FEBRUARY 28th.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO Masters, Mistresses, Teachers and Scholars of Public, Private, Board, National and all other Schools within a radius of twenty miles from Charing Cross, that the INVITATIONS by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals relating to the forthcoming ESSAY COMPETITION on the subject of

"Man's Duty to the Animal Creation,"

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Sat.		20		9	יתרו Exodus xviii. 1, to end xx.	Isaiah vi. 1, to vii. 6 and ix. 5 and 6.
Sun.		21		10		
Mon.		22		11		
Tues.		23		12		
Wed.		24		13		
Thurs.		25		14		

This day (Friday), Sabbath commences at 4.30.
Sabbath terminates to-morrow at 5.46
Friday next, February 15th, Sabbath will commence at 5.

DIARY OF MEETINGS, &c.

SPECIAL SERMONS (TO-MORROW).

Bayswater Synagogue, The Chief Rabbi.

Sunday, February 10.

Jewish Board of Guardians, Temporary Allowance Committee, 11.

West Central Jewish Working Lads' Club, Annual General Meeting, at 38, Fitzroy Square, 11.

Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, General Court and Election, at the Institution, 2.

Federation of Synagogues, Meeting of the Board, at the Jewish Working Men's Club, Great Alie Street, E., 3

City Jewish Social and Literary Society, Dance, at Northampton House, 6.30.

South Hackney Jewish Social and Literary Society, Concert, at Mozart House, under the direction of Miss Edith Braham, 7.

East London Jewish Communal League, Concert, at the Stepney Schools, 7.30.

Order of Ancient Maccabæans, Juvenile Beacon, Address, by Sir Francis Montefiore, at the Toynbee Hall, Exhibition Buildings, 7.30.

Stoke Newington Jewish Young Men's Society, Social Gathering, at the New Dalston School Rooms, 7.30

Jewish Working Men's Club, Dramatic Performance, 8

Monday, February 11.

Jewish Board of Guardians, Russo-Jewish Conjoint Committee (rota), 4.30; Industrial Committee (rota), 4.30; Board Meeting, 5.

Jews' College Literary Society, Lecture, by Mr. M. Simon, B.A., at Queen Square House, Guilford Street, 5

Society of Promoters of Charity, Committee Meeting, at Western Synagogue Chambers, St. Albans' Place, S.W., 8.

Tuesday, February 12.

Jewish Board of Guardians, Relief Committee (rota), 4

Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, Apprenticing Committee, at Hamilton House, 4.30.;

United Synagogue, Meeting of the Council, at the Central Synagogue Chambers, 6.45.

Wednesday, February 13.

Jewish Board of Guardians, Emigration Committee, 4.30; Loan Committee, 4.30; Investigating Committee, 4.30.

Jews' College, Meeting of the Council, at Queen Square House, 8.30.

Thursday, February 14.

Home and Hospital for Jewish Incurables, Ladies' Committee, 3; Board of Management (Special) at 17, Hill Street, Berkeley Square, W., 8.45

Jewish Board of Guardians, Relief Committee (rota), 4.

North London Jewish Literary and Social Union, Lecture on "The Assembly of Jewish Deputies and the Parisian Sanhedrin," by Mr. A. Josaphat.

Sunday, February 17.

Bayswater Jewish Schools, Annual Meeting, at Paddington Baths Hall, Queen's Road, Bayswater, 2.30; Distribution of Prizes, 3

City Jewish Social and Literary Society, Lecture, by the Rev. M. Adler, 7.30.

Jewish Historical Society, Papers, by Mr. B. L. Abrahams and Mr. L. Wolf, at the St. James's Restaurant, 8.

Sunday, February 24.

South Hackney Jewish Social and Literary Society, Debate, "Goods made in Germany," opened by Mr. L. Cohen, at Mozart House, 7.30.

East London Jewish Communal League, Lecture, on "Anti-Semitism," by the Rev. G. Lipkind, B.A., at the East London Synagogue, 7.30.

Jews' College Literary Society, Lecture, by Mr. F. Haes.

Sunday, March 3.

East London Jewish Communal League, Lecture, on "The distinctions and defects of Modern Judaism," by the Rev. A. A. Green, at the East London Synagogue, 7.30.

Sunday, March 17.

East London Jewish Communal League, Annual General Meeting, at the East London Synagogue, 7.30.

Sunday, March 24.

Jews' College Literary Society, Lecture, by Dr. S. A. Hirsch.

Sunday, April 28.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

"PRIDE OF RACE."

Sir,—Your reviewer, "L. S.," in his review of my novel, "Pride of Race," institutes a comparison between the Jewish character as depicted by me and as depicted by Mr. Zangwill; and has some fault to find with my insight into "Jewish points of view and ideals." I do not understand what he means by "Jewish points of view." Between the severely orthodox and the broadly liberal there are several points of view, some of them almost vital. But I quite understand what he means by "ideals," and I would observe that I do not treat of ideals in "Pride of Race." I treat of things as they are, not as visionaries dream of them. The difference between Mr. Zangwill and myself, I take it, is, that my portraits of Jewish character have in them the spirit of the English-born Jew, whose parents are also English-born, while his have in them the spirit of the Anglicised foreign Jew who, of late years, has over-flooded the East End Ghetto; and I claim that no more faithful depictions of my type can be found in fiction than Moses Mendoza and his son Raphael. They are absolutely distinctive types of Jewish character, drawn from the life. Ample confirmation of this is to be found in the numerous letters I have received from Jews and Jewesses, thanking me for the portraitures, and thanking me at the same time for presenting in the Mendozas the finest qualities of our race. In this latter aspect I may be pardoned for quoting from one of these letters. It was addressed to me by a lady during the serial publication of the story: "Don't let dear Moses Mendoza come to harm, please, Mr. Farjeon. He is such a dear old fellow, and one has such trust and confidence in him, that it would be absolutely painful to see him disgraced by his enemies in any way. This work of yours is more than any novel; it is the lifting of a great people in the eyes of those who depreciate them; it is teaching them how good and kind and unselfish poor Jews are and can be. . . . Wherever it goes let it leave a savour of kindliness and respect for the poor Jew, rich in every good word and work." Such letters from strangers go far to prove that my pictures of Jewish life and character strike home to the hearts of my readers, and I accept them with gratitude and pride.

Yours obediently,
11, Lancaster Road, Belsize Park, N.W. B. L. Farjeon.

THE WEST CENTRAL JEWISH GIRLS' CLUB.

Sir,—Will you allow me, through the medium of your columns, to inform those interested in girls' clubs that an exhibition of the work of the West Central Jewish Girls' Club will be held at the Criterion Theatre, Piccadilly, by kind permission of Mr. Charles Wyndham, on Sunday, February 17th, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A drill display, singing and recitations will be given by the members between 3 and 4.45 p.m., to be followed by the exhibition, which will include specimens of cookery, plain work, dressmaking, art needlework and doll-dressing, laundry work, lace-making, writing, chip-carving and basket-work.

I shall be glad to send invitations on behalf of my Committee to any of your readers who will be good enough to apply to me for them.

We hope to entertain the parents of the members of the club between 7 and 10 p.m. on the same evening, when the Rev. S. Singer will give an address at 8.30 p.m.

Yours obediently,
12, Kensington Palace Gardens, W., Lily H. Montagu,
February 5th, 1901. Hon. Sec.

"THE EVOLUTION OF JUDAISM."

Sir,—The words of Dr. E. G. Hirsch, on "The Jew in the Twentieth Century," quoted by your New York correspondent, ought not to pass without comment; and, with the view of stirring thought, and perhaps discussion, on this most interesting subject, I offer myself as *advocatus diaboli*—which your orthodox readers may freely translate "champion of heterodoxy."

Let me say, at the outset, that it is Jewish religion, and not Hebrew nationality, about which I wish to speak. Having pushed aside Hebrew Nationalism, as a dream the realization of which before the close of the twentieth century is but a preposterous possibility, Dr. Hirsch asks: "What about the Jews, notably in England and America, who will not be provoked to share in this agitation for the re-establishment of Jewry as a political entity? They will have," he replies, "to draw the consistent conclusions of their position. If Judaism has ceased to be a national hope and destiny, it must be recast along the line of a universal, ethical religion."

With this I in the main agree, though I would not speak of Judaism ceasing to be a national hope, or of its being *recast* on the lines of a universal, ethical religion. It is true that Judaism was once so bound up with Hebrew Nationalism and the destinies of the race of Israel that they might be regarded as a consistent whole; but the dispersion has acted as a chemical reagent on this compound, and each of its three elements has been separately precipitated. This differentiation of religion, and politics, and race, is strictly on the lines of general evolution. Temporary reactions there may be—there are receding waves even when the tide is rising—but these are the lines on which the world is moving. Modern nations are tending more and more to be made up of different races and blends of races. This is especially true of Britain and America, which stand in the forefront of the modern movement.

And I cannot agree that it is necessary to *recast* Judaism in order to get it on the lines of universal, ethical religion. On the contrary, these are the lines—as it seems to me—on which it has moved from its inception. The very reason for its success is that it has, from the first, been more ethical and less mythological than other religions; and its progress—when it has progressed—has been by the growth of the ethical and the decay or desuetude of the supernatual elements. As you, Sir, said in reply to Mr. A. G. Henriques (*Jewish Chronicle*, November 9th, 1900; p. 18). "Judaism is a progressive development." In other words, "it is a series." The moment this is grasped, the questions arise: What is the law of that series, and what is its last term? I believe the law to be that which I have stated. The series is really compounded of two—a descending mythological series and an ascending ethical one. We are simultaneously travelling down the river of morality, which ever broadens in its aspect towards us, and moving up the river of supernaturalism, which, as we go on, becomes ever narrower and less important. We are, moreover, beginning to trace its sources; and, the more we know of them, the more the best and bravest of us are disposed to embark all we have on the other stream, and to accept the last term of the Judaic series as the goal of religion. "Perhaps before many decades," says Dr. Hirsch, "upon the basis of the old prophetic vision of a united humanity sanctified to the service of justice, righteousness, and love, a new church, liberal in thought, universal in fellowship, broad in its sympathies, and working for the kingdom of social justice on earth, and the peace of all nations, will have arisen from the loins of Judaism." במהרה בימינו בקרוב.

So far I am in general sympathy with Dr. Hirsch, though I am not at all sure that he will be in sympathy with me; but there is another element of his manifesto from which I thoroughly dissent. "The distinctively Jewish elements of the synagogal symbolism," he predicts, "will pass away. The denationalised Jewish temple will seek a close alliance with Unitarianism and Theism." And, again, in another place: "Jewish religious reform pivots on this change from Orientalism to Occidentalism." This is the sort of thing one hears from Mr. C. S. Montefiore. On December 3, 1899, he closed his address to the Jewish Historical Society by asking "whether we must not endeavour to be true Occidentals all along the line. Is there not still something to be done, in order that the required transformation may forestall and anticipate sterility and disappearance? Is it too much to hope that Judaism may at last take its place among the universal religions of the world?"

If anyone wishes to know why "Jewish religious reform" has hitherto been so sterile, it is because it has been a mere mimicry of Occidental religion, because it has been made to "pivot on this change from Orientalism to Occidentalism." Fancy a religion being saved from sterility and disappearance, not by kindling an emotion which shall focus our lives on that which we regard as the highest end, not by putting aside dogmas which are beyond the reach of verification and have become a source of demoralization even to the religious teachers themselves, but by being divested of its historical elements! The "closer alliance with Unitarianism and Theism" may be very valuable; but if it can only be attained by putting away "the distinctively Jewish elements of the synagogal symbolism," what is this but the merging of Judaism in Unitarianism and Theism?

Jews will do a great service to humanity by resisting the modern democratic attempt to grind all persons and all peoples down to the same level, to crush out national and ethnical customs which give variety and colour to life. If any practice is discarded, it should be, not because it is Oriental or specifically Jewish, but because it is noxious or at least valueless. I do not believe that our non-Jewish neighbours will prove more than usually intolerant to Jewish customs and symbolism, provided that Jewish religion and the men and women who profess it are worthy of respect.

Yours obediently,
11, Abbeville Road, Clapham Park, S.W. J. H. Levy.
3rd February, 1901.

THE LATE LIONEL L. ALEXANDER.

Sir,—I should like to make public a little anecdote relating to my life-long friend, Lionel Alexander, which illustrates at once his unfailing generosity and his strict adherence to his own ideals of right. A few years ago I was collecting money for what I thought a deserving case, and I asked him for a contribution. He refused, giving me as his reason that he did not consider the case one for charitable relief. On my leaving, however, he put into my hand a £5 note, saying that no doubt I had frequent calls upon me, and I was to use the money as I thought best, without reference to him. This was exactly characteristic of his unstinted benevolence and rigid sense of duty.

Yours obediently,
D. L. H.

GEORGE D'AGUILAR, D.A.G.

Sir,—Deputy Adjutant General George D'Aguilar, who signed the Irish Proclamation of her late Majesty's Accession, made in Dublin Castle, on June 23rd, 1837, was of Jewish origin. His grandfather, Moses Lopez Pereira, known as the Baron Diego D'Aguilar, was a Marrano Jew. He left Lisbon in 1722 in consequence of religious persecution and settled in London. He went to Vienna in 1836 and submitted a proposal for farming the duties on tobacco and snuff; and subsequently became the confidant and treasurer of the Empress Maria Theresa. He returned to England and died in 1759, leaving an immense fortune to be divided between his twelve children. One of his sons, an officer in the 2nd dragoons, was the father of the George D'Aguilar, who signed the proclamation, and whose son is the present General Sir Charles Lawrence D'Aguilar, G.C.B. Simcha, a cousin of George D'Aguilar and daughter of Hananel D'Aguilar, was the mother of the eminent shipbuilder, Joseph D'Aguilar Samuda, M.P. Another cousin Simcha, daughter of the eccentric Baron Ephraim D'Aguilar, was the grandmother of Lady Ashburton, the mother of the present Marchioness of Northampton. Julia, Marchioness of Tweeddale, and her sister, the popular Lady Jeune, wife of the President of the Divorce Court, are her great granddaughters. The family of Grace Aguilar, the novelist is, however, in no way related.

Yours obediently,
Israel Solomons.

Sir,—The George d'Aguilar referred to in Mr. de Haas's letter was certainly a member of the Jewish family of that name. He was the second son of Joseph d'Aguilar, a Captain in the Second Dragoon Guards, and served in India from 1799 to 1807, in the operations against the Marathas. He was present at the reduction of Broach in 1803, Powendar in 1804, and Oojein in 1805. He served under Lord Lake at the siege of Bhurtpore, where he was severely wounded. Returning from the East he was employed in the Walcheren Expedition. He then acted as Assistant Adjutant-General in Sicily, and was sent on a special military mission to Ali Pacha, the Pacha of Yanina. He next served in Spain, and brought home the news of the victory of Castalla, on which occasion he received promotion to Lieut.-Colonel. He also acted for a time as major in the Greek Light Infantry raised by Richard Church. On the outbreak of hostilities

in 1815 he started for Belgium, but arrived just too late to be present at Waterloo. During the Peace he held appointments on the staff of the Horse Guards and in Ireland, and his signature was thus included among those appended to the accession proclamation. After the cession of Hong Kong, he held the command of the troops in that colony, and conducted the operations against the Chinese. In 1851 he was promoted Lieutenant-General and created K.C.B., and later obtained the command of the Southern District. His son, General Sir Charles Lawrence d'Aguilar, G.C.B., distinguished himself in the Crimea.

Yours obediently,
February 4th, 1900. ALBERT M. HYAMSON.

APPEAL IN AID OF A NEW JEWISH CEMETERY AT JERUSALEM.

SIR,—It is on behalf of a charity of the highest importance that we crave a small space in your valuable columns.

The Jewish Cemetery on the Mount of Olives is nearly filled, and the large Jewish community of Ashkenasim Perushim in Jerusalem requires another burial ground. For centuries tradition has pointed to the Mount of Olives as the only place in Jerusalem suited for a cemetery.

From all parts of the globe aged coreligionists make pilgrimage to Jerusalem to find their last rest on the Mount of Olives in sight of Mount Moriah, the two hills being separated only by the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

The Mount of Olives, being sacred also to the Greek and Latin Churches, the communities of which control large means from abroad, the price of ground on this mountain has become exorbitantly dear.

After great difficulties we have however succeeded in conditionally contracting for the purchase of a piece of ground close to the present cemetery for the price of 60,000 francs, moderate though when having regard to the competition in the demand for land in this locality, yet an enormous price for the means of a community in distress.

We appeal to the generous in Israel, praying with Abraham "Give us a possession of a burying place that we may bury our dead." Lend us your generous assistance to be enabled to complete the purchase, so that we may be in the position to gratify the longing of piety to bury our dead on the Mount of Olives. "Blessed be he who does not leave off his kindness to the living and to the dead."

Donations will be gratefully received by the Very Rev. the Chief Rabbi Samuel Salant.

Yours obediently,
CHAIM SONNENFELD, SALOMON BAHAREN-LEVY, A. E. SACHS,
JACOB SARASON, ISAK NODIUM LEWIS, LEIB HURWITZ,
The Wardens of the Burial Society of Ashkenasim Perushim.
Jerusalem 16th Tebet, 5661—7th January, 1901.

RECEIVED:

SOUP KITCHEN: B. F. R., wife and Children, in fond and loving memory of Maurice Samuel Rubinstein, 10/6.
FOR CENTENARIAN, Mrs. Pollock: W. N. L., 10/-.
PENNY DINNERS: "Tree," 2/6.

THE WAR.

The following are proceeding with the relieving detachments to South Africa:—

M. Vandecar, Imperial Yeomanry (formerly of Jewish Lads' Brigade).
Leopold Harris, Electrical Engineers.
S. Edgar, Volunteer Company, Royal Fusiliers.

Trooper Bob Levene, of Brabant's Horse, has arrived in Cape Town, after ten months' active service with his regiment, during which period he took part in the siege of Wepener, the relief of the Elands River garrison and the capture of Prinsloo. Bob Levene acted as scout, and Kaffir and Dutch interpreter to his regiment. He is a brother of Mr. S. Levene, of Townley Castle School, Ramsgate.

Mr. Joe Wolfe, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, has joined the Imperial Yeomanry, and sails immediately for South Africa.

The German Emperor and the Jews.

We recently mentioned that the German Emperor had conferred a decoration on Herr Ballin, of Hamburg, who is the Managing-Director of the important Hamburg-American Steamship Company. The correspondent of the *Daily News* in Berlin now writes, that a good deal of attention is being drawn to a remark made by the Emperor in conversation with Herr Ballin. He is a great favourite of the Emperor, who said to him: "You ought indeed to have a still higher position." "Your Majesty evidently does not know——" began Herr Ballin in reply. "What?" interrupted the Emperor, "—— that you are a Jew? Oh, I know that, but that does not matter to me in the least. You can tell everybody that."

Sonnet.

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[Suggested by Professor Schechter's luminous Epistle on "Spiritual Religion," in the *Jewish Chronicle*, November 30th, 1899.]

Thy spirit, Sage, is ever on the wing,
And, soaring midway 'twixt the earth and sky,
Those higher kindred of thy soul draw nigh
To whom thy lofty thoughts, transfigured, cling.
From wrinkled parchment and decaying script,
Thou lurest long-lost *Wisdom* fragmentwise,
That they enlighten all benighted eyes.
There's none in modern Jewry like equipped
To teach the truth and spread abroad *The Law*,
And with the peal of prophecy intone
How Beauty shines in Holiness alone,
And that to hold the *Spirit* well in awe
The *Letter* must be guarded, not forsook,
Ye Race of Priests, Ye People of the Book!

Meran, Austria, GEORGE ALEXANDER KOHUT.
January 15th, 1901.

High Sheriff of Belfast.

Sir Otto Jaffé has been appointed High Sheriff of the County of the City of Belfast. The *Times* correspondent telegraphs that the appointment is very popular, Sir Otto and Lady Jaffé having identified themselves closely with the patriotic movements arising out of the South African war. This is, we believe, the first instance of the appointment of a Jew as High Sheriff in Ireland, though there have been several instances in England. It will be remembered that Sir Otto Jaffé was recently Lord Mayor of Belfast, and was knighted on completing his year of office.

The Jews in Greece.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

The Jewish community of Corfu has reasonable ground to feel gratified with the attitude of the Government towards it. Mr. David Nacmias, formerly, and Mr. Vita Battino, now President of the community, have lately received the silver decoration of the Saviour. This event is worthy of note, because in the course of the thirty-eight years of the Greek rule over the Ionian Islands this is the second time that such a distinction has been conferred upon Jews residing, or having resided on the spot. Some ten years ago the Golden Cross of the Saviour was bestowed upon the late Mr. S. Samama, already decorated by the Tunisian Regency. Messrs. Nacmias and Battino well deserved the honour, thanks to their valuable exertions on behalf of the commonwealth. One thing, however, strikes our coreligionists of the place that all Jewish residents honoured by the Greek Government are not subjects of King George, and have fulfilled none of the heaviest duties devolving upon citizens. In Rome, Pisa, Constantinople, Paris, Alexandria, Tanta, Port Said and elsewhere are to be found many Jews of Corfu, who, in their new residence, obtained the civic position and distinctions they had in vain sought after in the Fatherland. Nevertheless, the event I record to-day is of an immeasurable value, inasmuch as it marks a step on the road of progress, and affords good hope for the future.

The Prime Minister, Mr. George Theotokis, who was born in Corfu, is too much conversant with the history of the Ionian Islands to ignore the fact that in his native place and in Zante the Jews, under the Venetian and the British rule, were practically treated as full citizens, some of them being appointed City surgeons, directors of the Civilian Hospital, and lecturers in the Guildford Academy. As to the mass of the nation, nobody could possibly believe that they would, as they do, make so much of Signor Luzzatti's advice for the future welfare of Greece, whilst on the other hand they should condemn to inactivity those members of the national commonwealth who are anxious to contribute their share towards the progress of the country, but are often prevented doing so just because they are Signor Luzzatti's coreligionists.

In 1891, in consequence of the disturbances connected with the murder of the Jewish girl Rubina Sarda, Mr. John Gennadius, then Minister of Greece in England, pointed out to his Government and fellow-citizens the policy they should adopt towards the Jew, and his voice has found some echo in the country. It seems that we are now reaping the fruit of his enlightened labour.

The Konitz Murder.

A Reuter's telegram from Berlin, dated the 5th inst., says: In the Reichstag to-day Herr Bindewald brought forward the question of the alleged ritual murder at Konitz. He declared that the local authorities who investigated the matter had conducted the case in as perverse and blundering a manner as was possible, and the German people did not understand why the State authorities had not interfered. Dr. Nieberding, Minister of Justice, replied that it was the Prussian Government which had jurisdiction in the matter, and he did not doubt that the Government would be prepared to give an explanation in the Diet. A discussion of the matter in the Reichstag would only tend to intensify feeling in the question in an undesirable way, whereas what was needed was calmness. He was convinced that the Prussian Administration would continue to do all in its power to unravel the mystery of the murder.

The Great Jewish Encyclopedia.

A remarkable response has resulted from the announcement recently made by the *Jewish Chronicle* regarding its distribution on this side of the sea of the new Jewish Encyclopedia, now preparing at an expense of above £80,000 by that enterprising firm of publishers, the Messrs. Funk and Wagnall's Company of London and New York. It is most gratifying to note that the vast project is receiving the unqualified endorsement of Jews and Christians alike; for during the past few days we have received orders for the work, with letters of approval from such high personages as the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury; the Bishops of Newcastle, Exeter, Bath and Wells, Nottingham; the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge; the Vice-Chancellor of the University of St. Andrew's, Scotland; Mr. H. Rider Haggard, the novelist, and many others who show appreciative interest in this, which has been called "the greatest Jewish enterprise in the last 400 years."

Doubtless there are many more of our readers who are planning to subscribe for this sumptuous work; but we would remind all such that the time is very short for subscribing for the special "Patrons' Edition" at a reduced price. The *Jewish Chronicle* will have pleasure in sending full details, on request, of this remarkable undertaking.

London County Council Election.—Mr. Alfred L. Cohen has been adopted by the City of London Conservative Association as a Unionist candidate for the City, at the triennial election of the London County Council to be held next month. His brother, Mr. B. L. Cohen, M.P., as already announced by us, does not seek re-election.

Royal College of Physicians.—Julius Meyer Bernstein, Owens College and Royal Infirmary, Manchester, has passed the Royal College of Physicians, London.

Oxford University.—Upon the recent Scholarship Examinations an Exhibition at Exeter College was awarded to Barthold Schlesinger Kisch, of St. Paul's School.

Israel for February contains an illustrated article entitled "The Queen, 1837-1901," giving scenes and sketches of Jewish interest in her reign. The number is distinctly good.

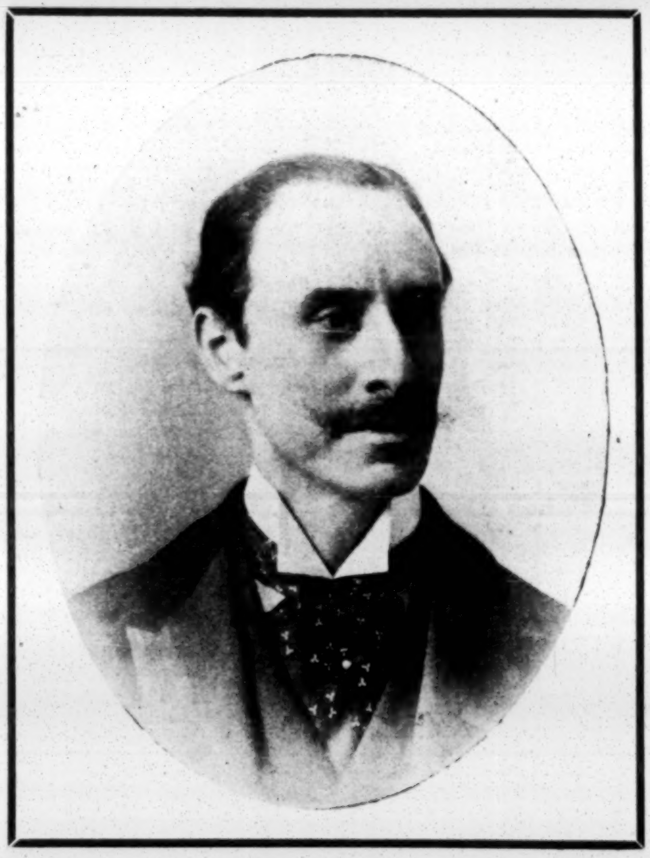
DEATH OF MR. LIONEL L. ALEXANDER.

It is our melancholy duty to chronicle the death of Mr. Lionel L. Alexander, the well-known and highly-esteemed communal worker. The deceased had been staying at Brighton for some months, and it was known to his family that he was stricken with a mortal disease. He preserved his wonted energy and interest in the affairs of the community until towards the end of the year when physical weakness compelled him to forego the satisfaction it always was to him of giving close personal attention to the administration of those institutions of which he was an honorary officer. He knew for some little time that his end was near, and he faced his fate with that keen sense of duty and conscientious fortitude which never failed him from early manhood to the very day of his death. He passed away at six o'clock on Thursday afternoon, the 31st ult., being conscious almost to the last.

Lionel Lindo Alexander was the youngest son of the late Joshua Alexander, solicitor, a communal worker, who lived first in South Street, Finsbury, and subsequently in Wimpole Street. He was the grandson of the late David Abarbanel Lindo, and his mother—who is now 83 years of age—is the only surviving member of a family of over twenty children. Mr. Lionel Alexander was born on May 14th, 1852, and was, therefore, not forty-nine years of age, in the zenith of his intellectual powers and administrative capacity.

He was rigidly orthodox, and carried out all dietary and other Jewish observances under every circumstance. But he was no bigot, and was tolerant to the extreme. When travelling he would not turn aside one iota of his usual orthodox ways, but he would by no means desire similar sacrifices from anyone who had not his own conscientious scruples. But he made no compromises for himself. Honest and clear as to his duty, he pursued it regardless of consequences; and this honesty of purpose was conspicuous in all his communal work. To him all compromise was abhorrent. He could understand toleration of difference of opinion, but not compromise with what he regarded as true principles.

From quite early days he threw himself into public affairs with much zest. He served his apprenticeship, so to speak, to communal work, as a member of the Committee of the Jewish Working Men's Club, which he joined on the establishment of the Club, and to which he remained attached to the day of his death. He was one of the Trustees of the building on its erection in Great Alie Street, and after serving as Vice-President for some years he was elected President, on the retirement of Sir Samuel Montagu from that office about four years ago. He was exceedingly popular among the members, though he was the last man to court popularity. On the contrary, he was almost self-sacrificing in his anxiety to be rigidly just. He cared to be liked, and was anxious to please, but he scorned to cultivate popularity for its own sake. Out of respect to his memory the Club was entirely closed on Saturday and Sunday last.



Mr. LIONEL L. ALEXANDER.

Mr. Lionel L. Alexander, following the example set by his late father, Joshua Alexander—who was one of the founders of the Board—took an early interest in the work of the Jewish Board of Guardians. Mr. Alexander's début as an honorary worker of the Board was on the Canvassing Committee, which he joined in 1875, and in 1881 he was elected Chairman of the Committee. This Committee published a "black list," which met with much disfavour and was ultimately withdrawn, but Mr. Alexander showed by its preparation and publication how much need there was for the work of the Canvassing Committee. In this work, as in all other, he was painstaking, sparing no time or labour to carry out the object he had in view. He joined the Emigration Committee on its formation, and continued an active member of it until 1893. His work at the Board was of a most varied nature, and it was characteristic that he was always willing to fill up a gap in administrative labours, especially where important objects, necessitating hard personal work, were in view. In 1880 he undertook the arduous duties of Auditor, at a time when the Board found it difficult to find a colleague equal in that special work to the late Mr. S. Simons. In 1881, Mr. Alexander was elected a member of the Board, and he remained a member until the time of his death. In 1882, he again showed his zeal and ability for communal work when he undertook the duties of Acting Hon. Secretary during the illness of the late Mr. Sydney M. Samuel, and he was ultimately elected Hon. Secretary in May, 1883, which office he filled till February, 1893, when he resigned on a question of policy in the administration of the Board. It was in 1882, on the outbreak of Russian persecution, that Mr. Alexander's powers of dealing with the poor were tested to their utmost capacity. In the position of Hon. Secretary to the Mansion House and Jewish Board of Guardians Conjoint Committee—later on styled the Russo-Jewish and Jewish Board of Guardians Conjoint Committee—he diligently and with the utmost self-sacrifice worked for the welfare and well-being of those unfortunate brethren who were forced to flee from persecution. During the many years he acted on these special committees it was his wont to attend nearly every weekly sitting of the Committee, so that he was conversant with almost every case that had to be dealt with. During the last year Mr. Alexander showed signs of resuming some of his former useful work at the Board. Last summer he attended several relief rotas, and he was present at a meeting of the Board to welcome his friend, Mr. Leonard L. Cohen, the new President, for whom he had great regard. As an Executive Officer he was always in most cordial relations with the staff of the Board, and was regarded by every member with great affection.

In the *Jewish Chronicle* of May 13th, 1892, we published a most carefully compiled estimate of the Jewish population of London and the United Kingdom as well as detailed statistics of the Jewish poor of London prepared by Mr. Alexander. His painstaking and lucid marshalling of facts and figures were conspicuously displayed in the highly interesting evidence which he gave in July 1888, before the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Emigration and Immigration.

When in 1896 his life-long friend, Mr. Stuart M. Samuel, now M.P. for Whitechapel, the President of the Home and Hospital for Jewish Incurables, invited Mr. Alexander to join him as Vice-President of the Institution, in an attempt to place the Charity upon a popular basis, he threw himself with characteristic energy into the task. His gift of terse and lucid expression, combined with sound clear judgment, was brought to bear upon the drafting of the new rules, which were found necessary for the Institution, and with such success, that the laws are not only regarded as a model of their kind, but even a verbal alteration has not been found necessary since the day they left his hand. Shortly afterwards when, owing to the public approval the new management was able to command, the premises in which the Home was located in Victoria Park Road were found to be inadequate and it was resolved to provide a new building, he not only contributed liberally himself to the fund, but ardently devoted himself to collecting the amount required. His earnestness of purpose and the care that he took to convince himself that money entrusted to him should be expended to good use, had given him great influence with those who desired to confer the utmost benefit to the poor with the funds they devoted to charity. As a result principally of Lionel Alexander's name being associated with the appeal £30,000 was collected with comparative ease in a very short time, and although he did not live to see the dedication of the new building to its good work, he had the satisfaction of knowing that the success of the movement was assured. One of the last letters he penned was in reply to a letter from the President informing him that a philanthropic gentleman had agreed to lend £5,000 necessary to complete the building, in which he expressed the hope that it would not be found necessary to take advantage of the offer, but that the public would provide the funds necessary to open the building free from debt. He was accustomed to visit the Hospital every week—usually on Thursdays—and his cheery presence was eagerly looked forward to. Many of his incurables have preceded him to the great Unknown, and his death will be regretted by none more keenly than by those who have survived him.

Mr. Alexander was elected a member of the Council of Jews' College at the annual meeting on April 3rd, 1876, since which time he has evinced great personal interest in the administration of the institution. He took a conspicuous and active part in the negotiations which took place during 1896-1897 between the authorities of Jews' College and the trustees of Montefiore College, and he drew up a draft Scheme of Union which, although approved by the governing bodies of both institutions, was dropped in favour of a subsequent proposal that the Montefiore College should give a subvention of £1,000 per annum to Jews' College with representation at the Council. This was subsequently adopted. Mr. Alexander afterwards drew up a revised Constitution rendered necessary by the new arrangements, and devoted much time and labour to bringing the various clauses of the constitution up to date in other respects. His business capacity and clearness of perception were given unstintedly to the College and probably no member of the Council had more influence with his colleagues; especially as the President, the Chief Rabbi, never failed to appeal to Mr. Alexander to give the institution the benefit of those qualities. Mr. Alexander often acted as Hon. Secretary of Committees appointed for special purposes, and in consideration of the valuable service he had rendered for nearly fifteen years he was elected one of the Vice-Presidents at the last annual general meeting held on May 6th. Probably one of the last communal meetings which he attended was in connection with Jews' College at a meeting of a Sub-Committee.

Admirable service was rendered by Mr. Alexander in the formation of the Jewish Religious Education Board. He ably seconded Mr. Nathaniel L.

Cohen in inducing the delegates of the Metropolitan Synagogues to accept the principle of levying a rate upon their members towards meeting the expenditure of the Board.

For many years and until his death, Mr. Alexander was a member of the Committee of the Stepney Jewish Schools, and for some time after the death of Mr. Michael Henry he acted as Honorary Secretary.

Another Educational Institution to which he devoted much energy was the Jews' Infant School. He first joined the Committee in 1874, soon after the Schools were placed under Government; he was a constant attendant both at the Committee meetings and at the Schools, and an indefatigable worker on behalf of the Institution. His advice on management and detail were found most useful at all times. His father before him was a member of the Committee of the School.

In 1873 Mr. Alexander was elected on the Committee of the Aged Needy Society, and was Hon. Secretary to the Ball Committee in 1876, with Mr. Michael A. Green and the late Mr. Ed. J. Emanuel as his colleagues. He was elected Vice-President in February, 1879, in place of Mr. Marcus Adler, who wished to resign. From this time until October 29th, 1891, Mr. Alexander took a very active part in all matters concerning the welfare of the Society, and it was through him, in conjunction with Mr. David Hyam (a past President) and the late Mr. Maurice Leviston, that many important changes in the administration of the Society were made, and it is a noteworthy fact that he attended almost every meeting during his twelve years of office. The appreciation in which he was held was specially shewn to him on his retirement from the office of Vice-President. He still remained an active member of the Committee until the last.

Mr. Alexander was a member of the Committee of the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, Norwood, ever since 1876, and during his continuous service of twenty-five years he gave to the institution untiring devotion in protecting its interests, especially in connection with its special appeals on the occasion of a festival dinner and otherwise.

As a member of the Stock Exchange since 1873, Mr. Alexander was generally held in the highest esteem and he served on the Committee of the Stock Exchange Benevolent Fund. He was very fond of athletic sports, and the Cycle Club of the Jewish Working Men's Club was named after him.

Mr. Alexander was an ardent Conservative. He took an active part as a very young man in the debates of the Union Society of London. He was later one of the moving spirits of the Political Council of the Junior Constitutional Club. He was also a member of the Council of the Association of Conservative Clubs. Personal considerations only prevented him from coming forward as a Parliamentary candidate in Whitechapel, which he was frequently urged to do in the interests of the party. At the time when the late Lionel Cohen first entered Parliament as the Conservative member for North Paddington, Mr. Alexander took entire charge of the canvassing arrangements. As the Borough of North Paddington was newly created by the Redistribution Act of 1885, the canvassing of a new constituency involved immense labour; but he was a master of organisation, and his efforts contributed greatly to Mr. Cohen's success. At each election, Mr. Alexander threw himself with great vigour into helping the Unionist party, and spoke and presided at several meetings in East London. At the last General Election he went down to Leeds to help to win Jewish support for Mr. Gerald Balfour. It is characteristic that he declined Mr. Balfour's hospitality owing to his rigid observance of Jewish dietary laws, and he hastened back to town to be in time to attend Service on the Eve of Kippur.

THE FUNERAL.

Seldom has there been, at the funeral of so young a man, a greater manifestation of respect and sympathy on the part of communal workers than was shown at the funeral of Mr. Lionel Alexander on Sunday. The body was removed from Brighton early on Sunday morning, and arrived at Victoria Station at 10.55, and from there was conveyed to 11, York Gate, Regent Park, the residence of Mr. D. L. Alexander, Q.C. The Rev. D. Fay, Messrs. I. A. Joseph and G. Friedlander (Sexton, United Synagogue) awaited the arrival of the remains at the railway station and the body was accompanied from Brighton by Mr. D. L. Alexander and Mr. John Beddington. The hour of the funeral was fixed for noon, and sometime before that hour there was a large representative gathering of the managers of almost every Jewish institution in London. The Jewish Board of Guardians, Board of Deputies, Anglo-Jewish Association, Home for Jewish Incurables, Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, Stepney Jewish Schools and Jewish Working Men's Club were officially represented by deputations. The meeting of the Elders of the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation, held at Lauderdale Road Synagogue on Sunday morning, was specially adjourned for two hours to enable members to attend the funeral. It is quite impossible to give all the names of those who paid this last mark of respect to the departed. Among those who attended were:—

Messrs. D. L. Alexander, John Beddington, George Alexander, Herbert Beddington, Claude Beddington, Gerald Beddington, Bentley Baumann, Day Leverson, Johnny Waley, the Chief Rabbi, the Rev. E. Spero, Sir Joseph Sebag Montefiore, Messrs. Scott, Gabriel Lindo, Charles Lindo, James Castello, Percy Castello, Andrew Tejada, Joseph de Castro, Charles Leslie Montefiore, David Henry, F. D. Mocatta, Isaac A. Joseph, Fred Levy, E. N. Adler, Edward Levy, James H. Solomon, Mortimer Solomon, Arthur Solomon, Philip Waley, Alfred L. Cohen, Ernest L. Franklin, Leonard B. Franklin, F. S Franklin, Manuel Castello, Isaac Seligman, Ernest D. Löwy, Abraham Henry, Maximilian Samuel, Benjamin Castello, De Jongh, Monty Jonas, Edward A. Levy, Adolph Oppenheim and others.

The following were official representatives of Jewish Institutions:—Jewish Board of Guardians: Messrs. Leonard L. Cohen, Arthur E. Franklin, Michael A. Green, and M. Stephany. Home and Hospital for Jewish Incurables: Messrs. Isaac Davis, M. Drukker, C. D. Seligman, J. M. Ansell, B. Barnett, B. M. Benjamin, M. Grünebaum, Joshua Hands, John H. Jacobs, Selim London, Albert L. London and L. J. Salomons. [The President, Mr. Stuart M. Samuel, M.P., who is on the Continent, was, much to his regret, precluded from attending]. Anglo-Jewish Association: Mr. B. Kisch. Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum: Mr. Felix A. Davis. Mr. A. Raphael, the Head Master, and a detachment of the boys were also at the Burial Ground. Stepney Jewish Schools: Mr. Marcus N. Adler, Mr. B. Kisch, Mr. Nelson Samuel, Mr. Ernest Morley, Mr. Henry Hymans and Mr. James Castello. Jewish Working Men's Club: Messrs L B. Franklin, L A. Isaacs, L S. Montagu, Bernhardt Cohen, S. Porter, S. Staal, Sid Cohen, W. Cohen, J. Prytek, P. Glensnick, D. Goldstein, I. Peretz, M. Rood, S. Silver, I Woolf, L Loggette, and M. Jacobs, Steward.

Mr. Joseph L. Alexander, who is at Brighton, was prevented from attending the funeral of his brother owing to physical infirmity.

The Rev. E. Spero read the Funeral Service most impressively, and at the conclusion read in English the Prayer for the Repose of the Dead. The body, at the special request of the deceased, was taken past, and momentarily rested at, his father's grave.

The Rev. D. Fay was prevented from following the funeral owing to his having to attend the Religion Classes of his synagogue.

A Tribute by the Chief Rabbi.

At the Service held at 11, York Gate, on Sunday evening, there was a great throng of mourners, and the Chief Rabbi, at the urgent request of Mr. D. L. Alexander, K.C., paid the following tribute to the deceased. He said: My dear friends, I willingly yield to the wish of our good friend, David, to address to you a few words in this hour of mourning. Not that I am so self-complacent as to imagine that any words of mine can afford full comfort in the face of a bereavement so sad and afflicting. But because I feel it a melancholy satisfaction to lay a humble wreath at the foot of his grave, to pay a tribute, however feeble and faltering, to the beautiful life so suddenly and—to our eyes—so prematurely terminated, of our dear Lionel.

I can only select a few prominent features of his loveable character as they present themselves to me. Was ever devotion of a son more intense and absorbing than his? How deep was his love for his mother! His one thought was to spare her anxiety and alarm, as shown by the lines he penned with a trembling hand a few hours before he was taken hence, when no longer able to speak. May Heaven sustain her in this season of affliction! And what a loving brother, what a loyal friend was he! How many found in him "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother," who were fortified and aided by his unfailing wise counsel and keen intelligence.

And how energetically and perseveringly did he toil for the good of his community. I need not rehearse the various charities with which he was connected, but would only recall a few of the institutions with which he more intimately identified himself. The President of our leading charity has informed me, that for a period of twenty years he proved himself a faithful and loving guardian of our poor. For twelve years he discharged the laborious duties of honorary secretary. There were critics who deemed some of his methods a trifle old-fashioned, and not in accord with the most recent teachings of the Science of Charitable Relief. But surely his genuine sympathy can never become old-fashioned: his honest desire to help the poor dare not be viewed as antiquated. Day after day we need it more urgently.

But his was not merely emotional sympathy. In the deliberations of Committees he showed a well-disciplined masculine mind. With characteristic tact he furthered the negotiations conducted by the Religious Education Board with the four communal organisations. When one of the leaders of the United Synagogue heard that it was proposed to tax their seatholders for the purposes of religious instruction, he was fairly startled by the temerity of the plan. And yet by dint of perseverance he, in conjunction with Mr. Nathaniel Cohen, brought the scheme to a successful issue, and gave to the Board its rightful position among the communal institutions. And with not less diplomatic skill did he manage delicate negotiations between the Elders of the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation and the representatives of Jews' College—negotiations for which he, being of mixed Sephardic and Ashkenazic parentage, was so eminently fitted.

But the fine qualities of his heart and head come out, perhaps, most prominently in his connection with the Home and Hospital for Incurables. How zealously did he toil for the erection of the new building, the completion of which he was, alas! not destined to witness. I have seen all sorts and conditions of men and women perform various acts of kindness. But I was singularly impressed when I saw our Lionel talk to the poor sufferers in the Home, both in Victoria Park Road and in Walthamstow. His face was then irradiated with a tenderness and sympathy well-nigh angelic. Was he prompted to this fellow-feeling by the foreboding that he himself was stricken by an incurable malady?

Without complaining, without a murmur, he bore his grievous sufferings, inspired only by one vivid desire, that his mother should not know of his pain. He bore all with sweet and tender resignation, for deep and unostentatious piety, fervent loyalty to his faith were the keynotes of his character.

To us purblind mortals it seems as though his were a premature death. But is it so indeed? What is long life? Is it counted by weeks, months, and years? No, God measures life by deeds, not by periods. Not by beats of the pulse, or swings of the pendulum, not by decades or jubilees, but by beneficent actions and kindly words. Character, usefulness, goodness is life, not years. And judged by this standard, knowing as we do how much solid good Lionel wrought, during his life, can we call his career prematurely terminated? With what force does his life work appeal to us all, especially to my younger brethren, calling upon them to be up and doing, to discard wretched selfishness, and to labour for the good of their community and for their brother men. So that when the divine summons comes they may be enabled to meet it, as did our brother, without hesitation and without misgiving, exclaiming, "Ready, aye ready." "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit; Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of Truth."

Loan Committee of the Board of Guardians.

It will be remembered that the Board of Guardians, on the recommendation of its Executive Committee, recently empowered the Loan Department to arrange for the attendance on certain days of one of its officials in two Metropolitan districts, in order to provide increased facilities for borrowers living at a distance from the Board.

We understand that, until further notice, an official of the Loan Committee will attend for this purpose on Mondays, between 10 and 12 o'clock, at the West Central Jewish Girls' Club, 8, Dean Street, Oxford Street, W.; and on Thursdays, between 10 and 12 o'clock, at 16, Carlyle Road, Manor Park, E. The same official will also supply apprenticeship application forms to applicants, to be returned by them, in envelopes provided for that purpose, to the Board, to be dealt with by the Industrial Committee in the same way as if personal application had been made to the Board.

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THE LATE BARON WILLY VON ROTHSCHILD.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT FRANKFORT.

On Sunday afternoon an impressive Memorial Service in memory of the late Baron Wilhelm Carl von Rothschild was held in the Gemeindesynagoge of the "Israelitische Religionsgesellschaft" in the Schützenstrasse in Frankfort-on-the-Main. There was a very large attendance, and so unanimous was the desire to pay this last tribute of respect to the deceased Baron that it was no light task for the police and synagogue officials to avoid overcrowding the building. Amongst those present were the two sons-in-law of Baron Willy, Baron Edmond de Rothschild, of Paris, and Herr Max Goldschmidt, of Frankfort-on-the-Main, with their wives and sons, also representatives of the Rothschild houses in London and Paris. At the close of the afternoon Liturgy, Rabbiner Dr. Breur spoke with words of prayer and admonition of the deceased Baron: Oberkantor Friesländer recited the prayer for the rest of the soul, whilst Baron Edmond von Rothschild said the mourner's Kaddish.

It is stated that Baron Armand de Rothschild, of Paris, will take over the direction of the Frankfort banking house. He is son of Baron Edmond, and therefore grandson, not nephew, of the late Baron Willy, as stated in a Reuter's telegram.

Home for Jewish Incurables.—Mr. Stuart M. Samuel, M.P., the President of this Institution, has forwarded a letter to His Majesty King Edward VII., tendering, on behalf of the Board of Management, sincere condolence and heartfelt sympathy on the severe loss sustained by His Majesty and the country by the lamented death of our late revered Queen. In congratulating the King on his accession Mr. Samuel referred to the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall and York to the Home some few years back, and to the kindness and sympathy extended to the suffering by the members of the Royal House. The Rev. M. Hyamson visited the Institution on Thursday evening last, and gave an address to the inmates on "The Life and Work of Good Queen Victoria." As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Lionel L. Alexander the Entertainment Committee have decided that no concerts shall take place in the Institution for the next few weeks.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. DAVID DAVIS.

We regret to announce the death, on Tuesday evening, of Mr. David Davis, of 59, Gordon Square. He rendered important and zealous services for twenty-one years as Treasurer of the United Synagogue, to which responsible office he was elected in May, 1875, in place of Mr. Charles Samuel, who then retired. In November, 1896, Mr. Davis was presented with an engrossed address by the Council of the United Synagogue, in acknowledgment of the great services rendered by him to the institution. Mr. Davis wrote several important letters to the *Jewish Chronicle* some twenty years ago advocating the necessity of the housing of the Jewish poor engaging the serious attention of the community. His views had some influence in the steps that were taken to establish the Four Per Cent. Dwellings Co. He was elected a member of a Committee of the United Synagogue "to consider the spiritual destitution of the East End." This "spiritual destitution" was found to be non-existent, but Mr. Davis, Mr. N. S. Joseph and others prevented the Committee from being quite abortive by turning its deliberations into the practical direction of considering the physical needs of the Jewish poor, and it was directly connected with the report of this Committee that the Four Per Cent. Industrial Dwellings Co. was formed, with Lord Rothschild as its Chairman. One of the most notable measures connected with Mr. Davis's occupancy of the office of Treasurer of the United Synanogue was the new Financial Arrangements Scheme, which at present governs the financial relations of the constituent synagogues to the parent body. Mr. Davis gave to the discharge of his duties as Treasurer considerable time and painstaking care. He was originally elected a member of the Council on the establishment of the United Synagogue in 1870, as a Representative of the New Synagogue. He was the eldest son of the late Mark Davis, of Walworth, and was in his 79th year. His father served, as an English soldier, under Wellington. His brother, Mr. Noah Davis, is also well-known as a zealous communal worker, especially in connection with his services, for a quarter of a century, as Overseer of the Poor of the United Synagogue. The funeral will take place on Sunday next, in accordance with the express instructions of the deceased that his body should not be buried until three clear days after death.

MRS. JOHN MOCATTA.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. John Mocatta, of 38, Hyde Park Gate, which took place on Friday the 1st inst., in her 78th year. The deceased was the widow of Mr. John Mocatta, a son of the late Daniel Mocatta, one of the most esteemed founders of the Reform Synagogue, to whose memory a marble tablet is erected in the Council Room at Berkeley Street. Mrs. John Mocatta was one of four daughters—the others being Mrs. David Mocatta, Mrs. Elias Mocatta, and Mrs. George Lousada—of the late Alexander Goldsmid, brother of Sir Isaac Lyon Goldsmid. Their parents dying when they were very young, these daughters were brought up by Miss Toledano, a lady well-known in her day as an educator of Jewish girls. Mrs. John Mocatta is survived by two sons, Messrs. Ernest G. Mocatta and Charles D. Mocatta, and two sisters, Mrs. Elias Mocatta and Mrs. George Lousada. The deceased was an accomplished lady. Late in life she took up drawing in oils and water-colours, and her pictures were exhibited in the Paris Salon and in London, at Prince's Hall. She also wrote a considerable amount of graceful verse, which, however, has not been published, though a few of her poems, we believe, were privately printed. She was an exceedingly kind woman, and befriended many artistic people. Her goodness of heart secured for her hosts of friends, by whom her loss will be mourned. She was buried on Tuesday in the cemetery of the West London Synagogue, the Rev. Morris Joseph officiating. The principal mourners were the two sons, Messrs. Ernest G. Mocatta and Charles D. Mocatta, and two nephews, Messrs. G. B. Lousada and Percy Mocatta.

JOSEPH GERSHON (Manchester).

The death of Joseph Gershon, of Manchester, in his fifty-second year, will come as a shock to his many friends and to the community of which he was an attached member. The shock will be the greater by reason of its suddenness, for until within one day of his death he always enjoyed robust health. On Monday last he was seized with a fainting fit, and the end came on Tuesday. It is no exaggeration to say that Mr. Gershon was a most popular man. Endowed with a pleasing personality he had a cheerful word for everybody, and without being optimistic, he took pleasure in lending encouragement to any proposal which he thought would make for the public good. Oftentimes by his inspiriting manner he restored confidence into a seemingly hopeless case. To one movement however he took exception. In conversation with the writer a few days before his death he deprecated the Jewish Hospital scheme as unnecessary, convinced besides, to use his own words, of the utter inability of the community to maintain it. For some years the deceased was President of the Old Hebrew Congregation, during which he helped to rehabilitate its finances, and place them on a sound basis. He was also Treasurer of the Bread, Meat, and Coal Society from its inception, a position he resigned a few months since. His cheery face will be sadly missed by those, and they were not a few, who never hesitated to seek his advice which was usually tendered readily, and, in case of need, with more tangible tokens of sympathy. The Manchester community will heartily sympathise with the widow and family in their sad bereavement. V.

The Manchester Indian Famine Fund and the Jewish Community.

An exhaustive report has just been issued by the Committee of the Manchester Indian Famine Fund. In this report, which deals with the efforts made by the Committee of the Fund for the purpose of alleviating the distress of the millions of natives of India, special reference is made to the hearty response made by the Manchester Jewish community to the appeal for assistance made to them. A representative Jewish Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Nathan Laski (President, Old Hebrew Congregation), with the result that close upon £200 was subscribed towards the Fund by all classes of the community. The Rev. Dr. B. Salomon and Mr. Laski were the only Jewish members of the Famine Fund Committee, and their presence may thus be regarded as a compliment to the entire community, and as a recognition of their practical sympathy with the objects of the Committee.

Landmarks of Anglo Jewish Progress.—Supplementing our list of honours bestowed on Jews during the reign of the late Queen, it deserves to be noted that Lord Pirbright is the only English Jew who has ever acted as an Envoy Plenipotentiary. His lordship was appointed in this capacity to various European Courts in connection with the Sugar Bounty Question.

THE DEATH OF THE QUEEN.

Jerusalem.

[By Telegraph.]

[From our Correspondent.]

Jerusalem, Monday.

An impressive Memorial Service for the late Queen Victoria was held yesterday in the Great Synagogue of the Ashkenazim Community. The Jerusalem Jews have ever held Her Majesty in the highest veneration, and the thickly crowded congregation gave evidence of their grief at her demise. Mr. Dickson, the British Consul, was present at the Service, together with the entire Consular Staff. The teachers and a selected number of pupils of the Evelina de Rothschild School likewise attended, the Headmistress, Miss Landau, being an Englishwoman, and the school being under English control. Chief Rabbi Salant delivered an introductory address, in which he praised the works of Victoria the Good, and a sermon in English and Hebrew was preached by Mr. Ephraim Cohn, Headmaster of the Lammel School. Many were moved to tears.

South Africa.

The Chief Rabbi received the following telegram from Durban last Thursday: "Jewish residents desire you obtain permission place wreath their behalf Queen's grave token heartfelt sorrow deep respect reverence cabling you £25 Natal Bank Myers President."

There not being sufficient time to have an elaborate wreath made, Dr. Adler sent a floral tribute in the shape of a heart with a broken string consisting of lilies of the valley, azaleas, and large sprays of white lilac, to Windsor, with the following inscription: "A token of heartfelt sorrow and of deep reverence for their beloved and lamented Queen, from the Jewish residents of Durban."

The balance of £20 he paid over to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund as a contribution "from the Jewish residents of Durban in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria."

New York.

On Saturday week the Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes preached a sermon at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Central Park West. He said: A woman dies and in every land all manly men and gentle women pay the deep tribute of respect to the memory of one who in public and in private life shed lustre upon true womanhood. Was there ever before in human history such world-wide demonstration of human sympathy so sincere and so spontaneous? Well does it speak for humanity that what is good and beautiful in human life is so freely and so frankly acknowledged! To the glory of the human race is the present proof that human love belts the earth, that human sympathy over-leaps racial bars, and that human response to religion's kernel-truths breaks through the husks of dogma separation. Humanity salutes in recognition of an ambition to rule with love's magic sceptre, and to know no force save the force of reason, righteousness and truth; and a sorrowing world pays willing homage, not to one whose magnificence was countless flashing gems, the glitter of gold and steel, and marshalling of gorgeous martial hosts, but to one whose splendour was virtue far above rubies, honour sterling and bright; whose sincerity grappled to her soul with hooks of steel her countless faithful subjects, to one the glory of whose reign was far less the pride, pomp and circumstance of war than the victories of peace, the busy hum of industry, the triumphs of art, the conquests of science, the grand and stately robe of majesty woven by the shuttle of human thought with human brain-fibre for warp and woof—I mean that majestic literature which has so helped man's advancement, material and spiritual, and which helps to make the proud page of proud England's proud history—the page which records the Victorian age. Nor say I this, only to pay a homage. Nor say I this only to add to mankind's sob, to humanity's gentle word of salutation to a life which now is but a memory. I say it, hear it, friends, because I am a Jew. For the life of the Queen mourned to-day was the fruition of womanly character born, nourished, strengthened and crowned by religion as taught by the Book of Books which the Jew has given to the world—the Book whose tribute of honour, unequalled and matchless, paid to womanhood, proclaims Victoria's worth. And yet another reason why the Jew to-day should render tribute to her who has passed away, is because her heart had no room in it for religious prejudice or antipathy. But for her countenancing Jewish advancement to honour in her government and in society which took its tone from her, never would the Jew in the great British Empire have attained that eminence in political and in social life which makes us to-day bid all other nations look at England as an object-lesson, and learn that toleration and justice for the Jew go hand in hand with the true and lasting greatness of a nation.

The synagogue had its flag flying at half-mast, and the Wardens passed resolutions of sympathy to the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The Union of Orthodox Congregations have also transmitted a letter of sympathy.

The "Anshe Chesed" Synagogue held a Memorial Service on Sunday.

Jewish Memorial Services for the Queen were held on Saturday in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and, nearer home, at Gibraltar.

Baron and Baroness Alphonse de Rothschild and Baron James de Rothschild were present at the Memorial Service held at the English Church in Paris on Saturday morning.

It is contemplated to present to the poor, as material for garments, the cloth, &c., used in the decoration of the New West End Synagogue.

VICTORIA.

By FELIX N. GERSON.

(By cable: Cowes, Isle of Wight, January 22, 1901. 6.30 P.M.—"The Queen is dead.")

"The Queen is dead!" Across the sea—
The immemorial sea that moans
'Twixt lands of freedom and of thrones—
We stretch the hand of sympathy.
No strangers in your grief are we,
Whose land, from east to west bemoans
Your English sorrow, and intones
In every heart a threnody.
Victoria! a regal name;
A synonym of love and peace;
Which to the century's deathless fame
A lustre adds that will not cease
To grace the passing age with glory
In English hearts and English story.

Philadelphia, January 22nd, 1901.

THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL.

Prominent in the cortège on Saturday last was the deputation of the Prussian Dragoon Guards, which, by order of the Emperor, came to London to pay the last respects to their Colonel, the late Queen. There was only one private in the deputation, and he is a Jew, named Seligsohn.

Captain Cecil Sebag Montefiore was one of the officers at the head of the Company of the First Middlesex Engineers, which, as the oldest Volunteer Engineer Corps, was selected to represent that section of Her late Majesty's forces in the procession.

Trooper Bertram Friendly, of Prince Alfred's Guards Mounted Infantry, was chosen to represent his corps.

Some six Jews who are studying at Cambridge University, went to Windsor with the University Volunteers, of which the King is Colonel, to line the route to the Castle on Saturday.

In the decorations along the line of route, there were many funeral decorations at the residence of well known members of the community. Beyond Hamilton Place, Miss Alice de Rothschild had combined her house with those of Sir W. Coddington and Mr. Wentworth Beaumont in a scheme of decoration which included a swathing in purple cloth of the pillars which rose from the drawing-room floor to the roof, and lines of purple edged with white along the windows. Lord Rothschild, behind closed gates, exhibited an immense display of purple and white, while on the roof floated two huge flags at half-mast. Mr. Alfred de Rothschild and Sir Edward Sassoon were also among those who hung out mourning draperies. The premises of Barnett Wartski and Sons, in Bishopsgate Street, who are waterproofers to the Royal Family, were, on the day of the funeral, draped in purple, in accordance with the commands of His Majesty the King. The result obtained was most effective. Across the centre of the building the windows were shut off by a screen 35 feet long and 18 feet deep, bearing the inscription in large white letters on a purple ground, "A Nation Mourns a Nation's loss." The remaining windows were outlined and draped with purple and white cloth. Over each of the Prince of Wales feathers was affixed a wreath four feet in diameter, composed of oak leaves, arum lilies, violets and white roses. The space on either side of the coat-of-arms was draped with purple curtains, caught up by long white silk bows. Passers-by were unanimous in their opinion that no finer expression of the general feeling of the people had been given in London.

There were many conspicuous token of grief, too, on the part of distinguished Jews and Jewesses. Lord and Lady Pirbright sent a chaplet of surpassing beauty, six feet by five, composed entirely of the richest orchids, intermined with the choicest ferns and foliage. The chaplet was made, says the *Daily Telegraph*, by the head gardener and decorator at Henley Park, and the flowers were of the same sort as those which the late Queen was pleased to admire in the bouquet which Lady Pirbright had the honour of presenting to Her Majesty a short time ago. The following lines by Lady Pirbright were attached to the floral tribute:—

At length thy widowed heart finds rest;
No mortal ill affects thee now;
In God's own realm for ever blest,
Thy people's love and Heaven's care art thou.

Among other Jews who sent wreaths were the firm of Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons, and the employés of Messrs. H. Lotory and Co., Whitechapel.

An interesting note was struck by the Yiddish posters on the walls of the East End, calling the people to the Chevras, there to hold a Hesped for the Queen (who, it was pointed out, had ever befriended the Jews of this and other countries) and to pray for the welfare of King Edward VII.

Anglo-Jewish Association.

Before the opening of the ordinary meeting of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association on Sunday last, the President, Mr. Claude G. Montefiore, rose and said: I hardly know what words to use and choose about the great and solemn event which has occurred since our last meeting. In the formal vote of condolence which will be sent to His Majesty the King, we shall, as on other occasions, associate ourselves with the Board of Deputies. It might indeed be better to pass that vote in mournful silence, and when so many of the wisest and most eloquent in our land have already spoken about the great Queen and of England's irreparable loss, I realize that for me the fitting words are few. Yet our hearts are so full, and the event about which we are all thinking has so many aspects and such vivid significance, it touches us so closely, it suggests so many reflections, that it is difficult for any one who speaks of it to know where to begin and where to end. For we are not merely bewailing the death, or rather bewailing the loss which the Empire, nay even the world, has received by the death of a Monarch of England, but, somehow or other, everyone regards the Queen's death as a personal loss to himself. Far removed as she was in station and duty from the great mass of her subjects, she yet seemed, if I may say so, near to us all. She was the watchful and loving mother of her subjects as well as their wise and constitutional Queen. Never has one single human being been so much to so many millions of her fellow men. And she was so much for many reasons, and all these reasons were pure and good and high. Her importance was not like that of an ancient despot upon whose whim and humour the lives and fortunes of thousands of hapless men and women might depend; it was not to win her favour that all her subjects (including many myriads who had never seen her face) prayed for her welfare and her life. No: that favour, in the best sense of the word, was already there; it was won beforehand. The Queen was so much to us, because, in the first place, she was the living symbol of England, the symbol, for instance, to the millions of India, of the *pax britannica*, of justice and of equal law, the symbol to Canada and Australia of the empire and of liberty, the symbol to us all of our beloved and common fatherland. But that was only the beginning. That could not have won for her the passionate loyalty, which during the last fifteen years of her reign amounted almost to adoration. The Queen was not merely the symbol of England's greatness, but millions of her subjects knew or divined that no small part of that greatness was due to the Queen. England's debt, the Empire's debt, to the Queen will not be fully known in the life time of any here present, but we know enough to feel the deepest admiration, the profoundest gratitude. The Queen solved the problem of being, on the one hand, the most perfect example of the Constitutional Monarch whom the world has ever known, and, on the other hand, of exercising within those limits a far-reaching and yet legitimate influence for good. And this remarkable combination she achieved by herself. Only seventeen years separated the opening of her reign from the close of George the Third's. It can hardly be said that the two short reigns which filled up the interval did much to create the perfect model of a constitutional King. That has been the Queen's creation, the high achievement of her who has gone to her rest. What this result—the result of insight, of tact, of open mindedness, and above all of matchless devotion to duty and her people—has meant for England, from what evils and dangers it has saved us, and what influence it has had in making the Empire that which now it is, we can but guess and surmise. And yet even this is not all, even this does not explain fully, if fully it can be explained, the love of England for England's Queen. The very fact that it was a woman who did all

this was an important element in the whole. There was something romantic doubtless in the notion of this great mother of a world-wide Empire; it added picturesqueness; there was a touch of chivalry in the enthusiasm of our loyalty. But would this sentiment have grown so strong had it not been for much else than the mere fact of sex? And here we come to the best and biggest reason for the love we bore her—her character. The good and gracious woman was never lost in the Queen. She seemed the same flesh and blood as ourselves, she seemed near to us all, not, as has been the case with some monarchs, because she exhibited the same frailties, or yielded to the same temptations as ourselves, but because of her clean and noble life, because of that daily round of ceaseless toil in which we knew that her life was passed, because of her unflinching performance of duty amid times of sorrow and of care, because of her thoughtfulness and sympathy, because of her simplicity and purity, because of her unfailing interest in all her subjects' lives, because of her gratitude for their loyalty and affection, because she was the lover and servant of her people as well as their lady and their Queen, because of her humility before God. And we, her Jewish subjects, remember how in her reign all religious disabilities have fallen away, and how among her servants and counsellors there have been men of Jewish religion and of Jewish race. We are fain to believe, and indeed there is good reason for the belief, that religious liberty had no better friend than the Queen whose loss is now bewailed by the members of so many races, by the professors of so many creeds. And even while we mourn our Queen, we turn with hopefulness and with loyalty to the King. We give our earnest prayers for his welfare, that he may quit himself well of the high duties which await him. May England prosper under his reign as she prospered under the Queen's. May the peace and concord which in one quarter of her dominions his mother did not live to see, soon arrive to cheer him and ourselves. And our last words—there can be for none of us a last thought—about this solemn event must not be one of sorrow but of gratitude—of gratitude to God for the benefits which He conferred upon our country in and through the life and the character of our Queen. How wonderful to think that that life can be a model and a lesson to us all, be our station and our labours never so humble and insignificant! Thus gratitude must temper sorrow and ennoble it. Nor, lastly may we grieve for her. As nobly she lived, so nobly, working as long as strength lasted, she died. Who could have wished that the time of sickness or incapacity should have been prolonged? Sixty-three years of devoted labour for her country's good! Could more be asked? "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; no evil shall touch them." Mr. Montefiore moved: That this Council accept the invitation of the Board of Deputies to join that body in an address of condolence to the King and Royal Family and to express their loyal homage to the King on his accession to the throne.

Mr. F. D. Mocatta said: In seconding this vote of condolence, I need scarcely say that I fully share with our President the feelings of admiration and respect, which he has expressed in his touching address. We all must have been affected by the decease of the Queen, who was so deeply regarded not only as our Queen but, I might say, as a personal friend of all of us. She has set us such a magnificent example throughout her long reign, that we must feel thankful to God that He caused her to reign so long, live so long, and to preserve her great intelligence, energy and devotion to the end of her days. Monarchs die just as subjects die, but all do not earn the love and respect which is due to a Sovereign. She at all times was thoroughly governed by the constitution of the country, and adhering strongly to that constitution made herself loved not only as a wise ruler but as a woman who devoted herself to the cares of humanity and who set a good example both to her subjects and to those who saw her from the vantage ground of a foreign country. She made not only herself respected but she made also the country and the monarchy respected, and the noble sacrifices which she made throughout her life not only endeared herself to all her subjects, but she made herself respected by foreigners. Even those who were possessed of the most advanced republican ideas hardly ever said a word against Queen Victoria, and we derive from the nobility of her character great honour from all other nations. We must, therefore, thank Providence for having bestowed upon us so noble a monarch, and for the respect with which she inspired all mankind. Even the great griefs to which the late Queen was subjected, especially the deep grief which she must have felt at the loss of her cherished husband, were not allowed to interfere with her constant love of duty. She seemed to bear her duties quite clear and free from all the sorrows which she had, and to have one sublime task before her—a task which was one of the highest and best that Providence has ever placed before man or woman. It will be generations before the full bearing of the character of the late Queen will be recognised, and we hope and fully believe that her successor will prove himself worthy of so excellent and worthy a mother. We have almost already seen this by the extraordinary interest which he takes in charitable and other matters calculated to do good. We commit to our Creator the Monarch who so wisely and lovingly ruled over us for more than sixty years, and hope that the new King will be imbued by the same glorious virtues, and that he will ever continue to be the friend of humanity and the wise constitutional self-abnegating sovereign which we desire he should be, and his noble antecedents warrant us in the belief that they will be followed by him.

The Chief Rabbi, in supporting the resolution, said: I feel that it is altogether inappropriate for me to detain the passing of this resolution by saying many words, as I have already, in common with the other ministers of religion, had the opportunity of voicing the feelings of the community, or, in fact, the nation at large. But I should like to say how appropriate it is that the Anglo-Jewish Association should associate itself in this vote of condolence with the Board of Deputies, inasmuch as during the reign of Her late Majesty, one of the most lustrous consequences was the spread of education, which is one of the prime objects of this Association. By way of an indication of the manner in which the grief of the Jewish communities in this country is shared by communities abroad, I will read a cablegram which I have received from the Jewish congregation at Durban. It reads: "The Jewish residents at Durban ask your permission to place a wreath on the Queen's grave as a token of their sorrow and reverence. We are cabling £25." There was scarcely time to obtain so expensive a wreath as they desired, so I thought it advisable to obtain one for a smaller sum and to pay over the balance to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, an institution very dear to the King. I think it is advisable that the various congregations, certainly those in the United Kingdom, should understand that the Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association being communal representative bodies, they should limit their votes of condolence and consider themselves represented. I think it inadvisable that every individual congregation and charity should trouble the members of the Royal Family, in fact it would be more dignified if the various congregations feel that these two communal representative bodies have voiced their sentiments to the King and the Royal Family.

The Rev. Haham, Dr. Gaster, who also supported the motion said: I consider it is unnecessary for me to say many words, and I am indeed surprised that the few points I wish to dwell upon have not been mentioned by the previous speakers. I wish to point out the extreme loss which the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Board of Deputies have sustained by the demise of her late Majesty. The fact is, we owe our existence to the sympathy, the kindness and the good-will which her late Majesty has always shown towards her Jewish subjects. If it had not been for this what would have been the position of the Jews in this country at the present time, and would the efforts of the Board of Deputies and the Anglo-Jewish Association have been crowned with the success which they have derived during the reign of her late Majesty? We have remembered that it was during her reign that Sir Moses Montefiore was enabled to fight and fight again those terrible accusations, and we have remembered the great work done by Sir Moses Montefiore for the just cause—a cause for which unfortunately we have again to fight now. She was one of the first to recognise the great work which he had done by the honours she showered upon him. Think of the benefits which we have derived during her reign, and then it is hardly to be wondered at that all the words that are uttered on this occasion can scarcely show our grief at the loss which has fallen upon us. We have lost one who has given us great assistance in the work of helping our community, freeing our race and promoting the interests of Judaism at large. But the sun has sunk in the West and a new sun rises in the East, and we pray that in the new reign the same lustre will be upon us; and the same sympathy and kindness be shewn to us as was shewn in her reign, and that we will receive the same support from the throne in the great cause of humanity.

The Council signified their adoption of the resolution by rising from their seats.

[Reports of the Memorial Services in the Metropolitan and Provincial Synagogues are published on pages 24—26.]

West Central Zionist Society.

A meeting of the West Central Zionist Society was held on Sunday last at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, Mr. J. De Haas occupying the chair.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, alluded in appropriate words to the death of the Queen. He said that in the personality of her late Majesty was embodied the British nature, and in her were typified the national feelings and moral sentiments. He thought that his fellow Zionists might find in her life a worthy example to follow, and to embody in themselves the character and national honour of the whole Jewish race. He dwelt on the importance of the Society apart from the Zionist question, as it was the only organisation which combined all Jewish interests in the West Central district. It was necessary for the members to gather into the fold of the Society sufficient people who were not adverse to putting their hands in their pockets. Not that he implied that the movement was dependent on the wealthy people, for the essence of the Zionist movement was the gaining of independence for the Jewish race, and he thought that it was only the poor man who could afford to be independent.

On the motion of the Chairman the meeting resolved to place on record their regret at the irreparable loss the nation had sustained by the death of the Queen.

Dr. Landau addressed the meeting in German.

The Rev. Dr. Gaster, whose great popularity among Zionists was demonstrated by the loud cheers with which he was received, then gave an address on the aims and ambitions of Zionists. He reminded his audience that it was the 15th of Shebat, the eve of the New Year for Trees, and he described how, when in Roumania, he and his co-religionists used to gather together on that day and partake of fruits, such as the date and fig, as typical products of the soil in Jerusalem. He drew an elaborate comparison between the period of the calendar and the hopes and aspirations of Zionism. Just as the sap would begin to flow again, and the trees would feel a new warmth, so Zionists strove to bring the tree of Judaism back to life, and to show the world that it was not dead. He reminded his fellow Zionists that only they were responsible for the future of Zionism, and the results depended only on the manner in which they worked, for just as they sowed they might expect to reap. If their enthusiasm only went to the length of talking and imitating others, then as they sowed the wind they would reap the whirlwind, and those who sowed chaff could not expect wheat to grow. Opponents of Zionism had called them ungrateful because they were not contented with the freedom they had found in England and elsewhere. It seemed as if Jews never expected to be free, and expected to be always persecuted and shunned. But the time had come when the Jewish race had begun to find its moral equilibrium again, when it could stand on its own legs again in the world, and would not have simply to creep along and be just grateful that it was allowed to slip in here and there unnoticed. Amidst the opposition which had been given to the movement from all quarters, there were two questions which required more than passing notice. First, it had been asked whether the Sultan would allow it, but he thought that was a most absurd question, as who was able to fathom the depth of the Sultan's mind, and who was well up enough in the ways of diplomacy to be able to say whether the Sultan was or was not willing? Then there were opinions of Turkish correspondents published in the papers, but he was not a great believer in what was written in the Press—he had had too much connection with it. Another argument which was repeatedly used against the movement was that they were jeopardising the existence of the present and future inhabitants of Palestine, as the land would not support a hundredth part of those whom it was intended to populate it with. They said it had no harbours, no industries, and no commerce, and seemed to imagine that it was to be the dumping ground of Europe. But it was the intention of Zionists to take out there the best specimens of Jews—those strong in mind and body, the scholar and the man skilled in tilling the ground. There was every reason to suppose that by industry and a display of those good qualities which a Jew was known to possess, the barren desert would be turned into a flourishing garden. What might be expected could be gathered from the history of the development of Australia, Canada, and Rhodesia, lands in which by no means the best elements of humanity had gathered. And the history of ancient Phoenicia was the best guarantee for the possibility of success. In conclusion he reminded his fellow Zionists that it was not the opponents of Zionism whom they had to fear; it was indifference and callousness which threatened the cause. If Zionists worked thoroughly they could reasonably expect to get something in return, but if not a grave responsibility rested with them, and who could tell what the next day would bring forth?

Mr. B. A. Fersht, the President of the Society, in proposing a vote of thanks to Dr. Landau and the Rev. Dr. Gaster for their addresses, said that it must be admitted that the Society had done well during the first four or five years of its existence, even if it had done nothing more than create an interest in the movement among the residents of the West Central district.

Mr. Kirschner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Rev. Dr. Gaster, in replying, pointed out that although the movement did not affect them individually, and although it was not with them a matter of life or death, yet there was no reason why the members of the Society should curtail their labours. Although they did not feel the weight of persecution, the greater liberty they enjoyed placed them under a greater obligation to work for those who were unable to work for themselves.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

The Hammersmith Jewish Women's Guild Ball, postponed from the 22nd ult., will be held at the Kensington Town Hall, on Tuesday, February 19th.

Anglo-Jewish Association.

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association was held on Sunday last at the Great Western Hotel. There were present: Mr. Claude G. Montefiore, President, in the Chair, the Chief Rabbi, the Rev. Haham Dr. Gaster, Sir Philip Magnus, Mrs. Adler, Madame Otterbourg, Miss d'Avigdor, Messrs. E. N. Adler, L. Allatini, H. A. Franklin, Cecil Q. Henriques, C. S. Henry, B. Kisch, H. Landau, H. G. Lousada, E. M. Micholls, F. D. Mocatta, J. Prag, Selim Samuel, David F. Schloss, Leopold Schloss, I. Seligman, Oswald J. Simon, Selim S. Solomon, and A. E. Sydney.

A letter was read from Mr. E. D. Stern, thanking the Council for the vote of condolence passed to him on the death of his mother.

The Financial Statement for January was read, showing among other items of income: Subscriptions, £527 1s. 6d.; donations, £80 10s.; Messrs. Rothschild's contribution to the Evelina de Rothschild School in Jerusalem for six months, £450.

The Secretary (Mr. M. Duparc) read the report of the Executive Committee, of which the following is an abstract:—

Branches.—The Hong Kong Branch has remitted £42 10s. as its contribution for 1900-1901. This amount is exclusive of £30, sent direct by Mr. E. S. Kelly, President of the Branch, as the interest on "Perpetual Subscriptions" of himself and members of his family. Through the voluntary good offices of Mr. E. J. Ellis, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Branch, there are excellent prospects of a Branch of the Association being established at Nagasaki (Japan). Mr. S. D. Lessner, a resident of that town, has at Mr. Ellis's request, warmly taken up the matter and has expressed the hope that he will be able to obtain members also at Kobe and Yokohama.—The Melbourne Branch has sent a resolution passed by its annual meeting, suggesting that in order to enlist the sympathies of foreign Jews there, the Council should consider the advisability of altering the title of the Association to Universal Israelitish Alliance. The Hon. Secretary also sent a specimen of the circular posted to every Jew in Melbourne, inviting those who are not already members to join the Association. The Executive Committee consider that the suggestion to alter the title of the Association is not a feasible one.

Schools in the East.—Applications have been received for renewals of a number of subventions, which are set forth below. At the Boys' School in Broussa (Turkey), the pupils have increased from 128 to 166, and in the Girls' School the numbers have trebled within the past three years. At one time, parents could only be induced to send their children to school by the education being gratuitous; now, every child, with the exception of poor orphans, pays a fee, so that in two years the total amount received from fees has risen from 1,497 francs to 3,020 francs, although the Jews in Broussa are, on the whole, very poor.—The eagerness of non-Jews to avail themselves of the excellent education given in the Boys' School at Haifa (Palestine) is evidenced by the fact that its pupils include six Orthodox Greeks, six Roman Catholic Greeks, three Protestants, two Latin Catholics and one Druse.—Progress in respect to increase of paying pupils is also reported in the applications from the other schools.

The Council, in adopting the Report of the Executive Committee, concurred in the view that it would not be feasible to change the name of the Association, as suggested by the Melbourne Branch, especially as by so doing it would be encroaching on the rights of the Alliance Israélite Universelle.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee Mr Leopold Schloss moved the renewal of grants to the following Schools: Broussa £40, Chio £20, Haifa £55, Philippopolis, £40, Smyrna Talmud Torah £40, Tetuan £28.

Mr. Schloss, in reviewing the work and progress of the Schools, mentioned that the success of the School at Haifa was all that could be desired, and he was sure that the Council must have been pleased to learn that in all the Schools dealt with in the report there was an increase in the number of pupils, and an increase in local support and interest.

The recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Council.

Miss Olga d'Avigdor, in moving the adoption of the recommendation of the Ladies' Committee that an extra grant of £60 be voted to the Evelina de Rothschild School to meet the deficit for 1900, said she had perused the accounts of money spent at the School since Miss Landau had been Headmistress, and from the clear manner in which the accounts had been prepared, and the economical way in which the funds had apparently been spent, she could safely recommend the Council to vote the grant.

During the meeting the Chairman alluded to the death of Mr. Lionel L. Alexander, and the consequent loss which a large section of the community had thereby sustained.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Musical and Dramatic Notes.

Madame de Vere Sapio has been most successful with the Moody-Manners Opera Company in the provinces, particularly in the rôles of Rebecca, in "The Jewess," and Martha. On the occasion of the revival of the latter at Hull on January 1st she created quite a furore, the audience actually rising to their feet and cheering in their enthusiasm.

Several Jews are interesting themselves in ensuring the success of a Café Chantant to be held next Wednesday at the Galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, in aid of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital. A commendable feature is that the expenses are being paid by the Committee, so that the whole of the proceeds will be handed over intact to the Hospital. Mrs. S. H. Cohen, 14, Aberdare Gardens, N.W., has kindly undertaken to sell tickets in the West Hampstead district.

The third number of the Journal of the Society of Comparative Legislation for 1900, which has just appeared, contains articles on Foreign Criminal Codes, by His Honour J. S. Mosely, Judge of Native Court, Cairo, on German Legislation (gambling on the Bourse), by Mr. Julius Hirschfeld, on The Legal Aspects of the Sipido Case, by Dr. Speyer, of the Brussels Bar, and a Review of Legislation at the Cape and Natal, by Mr. Israel Davis.

Mr. John Henry Williams, senior partner in the old-established firm of Wertheimer, Lea and Co., printers, of 46 and 47, London Wall, is a candidate for the vacancy which has occurred in the representation of the Coleman Street Ward on the Common Council. Sir John Puleston is the Chairman of Mr. Williams's Committee, and he has the support of many Jewish electors.

St. John Ambulance Brigade.—Twenty-four members of the East London Division (Headquarters Jewish Working Men's Club), under Superintendent Hayman, were on duty from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Apsley Gate, Hyde Park, on the occasion of the Queen's funeral; and under the guidance of their Hon. Surgeon, Dr. Bernard Myers, attended to 158 cases, including fractures, sprains, epilepsy, faints, &c.

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We cannot resist the temptation to quote the following remarks (not consecutive in the book) made by the wise, large-hearted Jean Miles:—

"You will, perhaps, find that ceremonies, although they cannot give the Peace, may yet become the channels along which you may feel it flowing."

"I have seen enough of the world to have found out that this wonderful, mysterious thing which makes people happy has nothing to do with creed. There is a great Peace somewhere, and it flows into this world and fills the empty wells in many human hearts, and there are quite as many channels as there are hearts, and nobody can tell which it will use. But all the people whose wells are filled are very close together, and get closer and closer as they draw in fresh strength from the Common Source."

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Vale!

On Saturday, amid a stately and majestic silence, our "Mother Queen"—'the crown of our heads and the delight of our eyes"—was borne to rest; and now, three-score years and three of trials and cares are buried and forgotten in the peace of Frogmore. None who witnessed it will ever forget that last King-graced, warrior-led pilgrimage, or the grief of the people that found no tongue. Never was mourning more sincere, or sense of loss more keen. Here were no hollow regrets or conventional sighs; no curious eyes or merry holiday-making: but sorrow that choked into a grand silence and sadness that made the nation mute. There have been pomp and circumstance and pageantry at Royal entombments before, but rarely humanised by an Empire's grief. Sometimes, indeed, they were heralded by a frigid sentence of non-committal from the mouth-pieces of the people; at other times by murmurs of dissent; on yet other occasions, they were accompanied by mirth and merry-making, as at the funeral of George IV., of which the gossip Greville wrote: "A gayer company I never saw; they were as merry as grigs at the King's funeral." But the mourning of Victoria was the mourning not of a Court only but of a people—a people that had lost a great exemplar, a wonderful guide and a devoted mother—a people who had advanced through childhood and youth to maturity in an ever-deepening loyalty; who had with love and gratitude watched the good Queen labouring at her Royal task, soothing here, repressing there, heartening one, discouraging another, till, in the pathetic words of the Chief Rabbi, "her eyes became dim, and the pen fell from her trembling hands, and like a tired child she turned to the wall and fell asleep."

The Queen Reconciler.

And thus passes from our midst the greatest human unifying force that the world has known. She seemed to be doing in the world the work which steam and electricity were fondly expected to do, but expected in vain—to be bringing parties and peoples together, knitting new bonds between nation and nation, spanning the seas with golden bridges of union, forging a new human brotherhood; in a word to be joining, cementing,

to solidifying. Thus, here the voice of party is hushed, even as the name of the Queen mollified its roughness in the Sovereign's life. In international affairs the Queen remained the one centre of attraction and union where all other elements, mayhap, were mutually repellent and estranging. In India, she joined in a common loyalty, and now in a common grief, Mohammedan and Hindus, and made of them all, from the Himalayas to the Indian Ocean, one nation and one family; while in America, the feeling of kinship is revived once more by the mourning "as for a common ruler." To the Empire her crown was in a word and in very truth "the golden link;" while all the world mourns Victoria the unifyer, Victoria the reconciler, Victoria the Queen who drew together, while nearly everything else cast asunder. Nothing has been more interesting in this connection than the genuine grief which the Jews of the Empire have evinced in this connection. If our oneness with our fellow-citizens had not been sealed on the battle-field, and were not already an accomplished fact, it would have been achieved by this sad event, this one touch of nature that has made the whole world kin. Last Saturday, the loyalty of Anglicised Jews was testified by the solemn services at the Cathedral Synagogue and all the other sacred buildings where English Jewry assemble for worship. But the sorrow of the Ghetto was quite as profound and quite as sustained. Last week we described a wreath bought with the coppers of barrow-men and sent in humble duty to the "abode of peace," we now hear of floral tokens from the children in the schools, of the walls placarded with Yiddish posters inviting the people to the Chevras, where services would be held at once for the dead Queen and the living King; and so the national bereavement has united Jew and Jew, as well as Jew and Gentile, in a great common grief. Nor has it been regret for our late ruler only that has moved the Israelites of this Empire to this outburst of loyalty: mingled with this emotion was the joy that was conscious of the Victorian tradition being still kept alive in the new Sovereign. For the Victorian era is not dead, except in the immaterial and purely temporal sense. All its great moving principles live to-day as surely and as actively as when the noble Sovereign who has gone first grasped the sceptre, and signed her first decree—the principles which made England great and prosperous, which made the Jew free instead of bond which made of London a city of refuge and influenced the hearts of foreign potentates for mercy and kindness. Victoria still lives and reigns in the heart of her successor and her people, even as Gibbon tells us, "Constantine alone, by the peculiar indulgence of Heaven, reigned after his death."

A Historic Parallel.

Much importance has rightly been attached to the unique spectacle of the Queen's remains being conveyed from Osborne to Portsmouth through the line of warships arrayed on either side. For the Royal Lady who was Mistress of the Sea, this last passage across the waters was undoubtedly a most fitting scene in the closing act of a long life full of incident and homely adventure. But it is a strange coincidence that, on the succeeding day, during the hour in which all that was mortal of the Queen of the Sea was being borne through the lines of the people in the capital on its way to the last resting-place on earth, her quondam Jewish subjects were reading, as the fixed lesson of that Sabbath, a portion of Scripture which bore a striking similarity to the occasion of the day. It was that portion of Exodus which tells of the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea, bearing in their march the mortal remains of Joseph, their ancestor, in obedience to the express desire of the dying patriarch. Joseph at one time wielded a power equal to that of the King in Egypt, and his goodness and fame were not forgotten for generations after. Even so the name and fame of Victoria will endure, while history is written, and kingdoms stand.

The Queen of Holland.

To-morrow the Jews in Holland will join in the singing of joyous Psalms and Hymns and in offering up fervent prayers for the happiness of their young and beloved Queen Wilhelmina, whose marriage was solemnised yesterday. Englishmen and Jews especially will heartily echo these prayers for the last direct descendant of the historic House of Orange, which ranks second to none in its whole-hearted devotion to the cause of civil and religious liberty, and which gave to our own country one of its best Kings—William III. It is but too seldom remembered how great is the debt Jews owe to the little Kingdom across the North Sea, which received with open arms many of our ancestors who were forced to leave their homes in Spain in 1492, and which granted to its Jewish citizens the fullest rights long before mightier States saw fit to remove the restrictions imposed on the Jews. Queen Wilhelmina's father loyally maintained the grand traditions of his ancient house in the consideration which he showed his Jewish subjects. Dutchmen have not yet forgotten the great lawyer, the late Mr. Godefroi, who was such an admirable Minister of Justice. In connection with law one also recalls to mind the brilliant services rendered to the State during his late Majesty's reign, and still in that of his daughter, by one of the most famous international jurists of the day, Mr. Tobias Asser. The people have not been less liberal than their sovereigns. Amsterdam has honoured itself by sending Jews to both Houses of the Legislature, and other important towns in the kingdom have likewise entrusted their interests in Parliament to Jews. In letters, science and art—to mention only Josef Israels—their abilities have received the fullest recognition. In the bestowal of charity the Royal House benefits Jews as well as Christians, and even synagogues are the recipients of material help from the same august source. The present Queen won the hearts of her loyal Jewish subjects in Amsterdam by bestowing on them signal and exceptional marks of her gracious favour during the festivities in the summer of 1898, when she formally ascended the throne. It is no wonder then that the important event in her life which has this week given rise to unbounded rejoicings throughout her dominions should be made the occasion for thanksgiving by our Dutch brethren. May it long be permitted to them to recite in their synagogues the הנותן תשועה for the now sole reigning Queen in the civilized world!

The Late Lionel Alexander.

Since the death of Lionel Cohen we can recall no communal worker whose demise has inflicted on Jewish institutions so heavy a loss in administrative capacity as that of Lionel Alexander. His is the loss of a comparatively young man. But he was one of the youngest of public workers when he had already made the force of his personality felt in an uncommon degree. The qualities by which he came to exercise so remarkable an influence were such as are seldom found combined in the same person. He was a man of indomitable industry; endowed with a perfect passion for public work and organisation. Loads of honorary labours which other men only carry with difficulty, and from a painful sense of duty, he undertook with joyful ease. Charitable and political work he once described as his "recreation." He absolutely revelled in the exercise of his seemingly exhaustless energies. Although he was not a man of wide culture, he possessed a singularly clear and vigorous intellect. In his grasp of some of the problems that beset the community, he was a head and shoulders above many of his fellow-workers. Without pretending to oratorical powers, his public utterances on important occasions impressed his hearers by the ability with which they were informed. He wrote much on his favourite subjects, but he was a man of actions rather than of words: The qualities which chiefly distinguished his public and private actions were honesty of purpose and firmness of principle. He was a man of grim tenacity of will. If a certain course of action commended itself to him as right no powers of persuasion could deflect him from it. He was not always right, and it might have been better if, on occasions when he found himself hopelessly outnumbered, he had been willing to yield to that spirit of compromise which is so essential to the practical conduct of affairs. Yet no one could withhold admiration from such a strong type of character as he presented. He was absolutely indifferent to public applause. As a charitable worker—and this is the character in which he principally appeals to us—his only thought was of the poor, for whom he laboured untiringly with a singleness of aim that is rare, even among philanthropists. Naturally, a man of such burning enthusiasm became an inspiration to others. People had implicit confidence in him and in the causes which he espoused, so that few charitable workers in our time have been more successful in rallying public support to our institutions. In many other directions he was a potent force for good.

The Promotion of Self-Help.

In looking back on the work which the Board of Guardians has accomplished for the Jewish poor nothing is more satisfactory than the zeal with which it has laboured to promote a spirit of self-help among them. Of the success that has attended these labours the statistics in its annual reports furnish abundant testimony. The two directions in which the principle of self-help is principally represented are the Loan and Industrial Departments. On behalf of both these agencies leaflets have just been issued to workers among the poor, which have for their object to extend the scope of these departments by making the humbler classes better acquainted with the advantages they offer. The acquisition of the Hirsch bequest, it is pointed out, will now enable the Board to conduct its loan operations on an ampler scale than heretofore, and to extend them to a larger number of borrowers. But they must be borrowers who will show that they can make a profitable use of credit, and while maintaining their weekly payments will prove themselves self-helpful in the fullest sense. With regard both to borrowers and apprentices it is hoped that any existing prejudices which self-respecting persons may entertain to accepting assistance from the Board may be removed if it is pointed out that these two departments have entrances and offices quite apart from those which deal with eleemosynary cases. In the matter of apprenticing more particularly the importance of separate provision can hardly be over-estimated. If the spirit of self-help which the Board

trying to inculcate is to take root in the rising generation, it is of the first necessity that young people should be kept as far apart as possible from what, without offence to their less fortunate seniors, we may call the corrupting example of those who are accustomed to apply to the Board for charity. And that they may not regard themselves as recipients of charity, visitors among the poor are asked to impress upon both apprentices and borrowers who punctually repay their premiums and loans, that they are quite free from any pecuniary obligations towards the Board. The weekly attendance of an official of the Loan Committee in the West Central and Manor Park districts is another step in the same direction. In expressing our warmest approval of such measures we are not suggesting that the Board has reached the finality of perfection. There remains yet much to be done in order to cultivate the spirit of self-help to the utmost, and the community may evidently rely on the Board giving effect to further useful measures of this kind from time to time, as occasions present themselves.

Women as Managers at Norwood.

At the General Court of the Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum next Sunday, it will be proposed on the recommendation of the Committee that the Constitution be so altered as to admit ladies as Members of the General Committee of the Institution as well as members of its sub-committees. The concession, however, is only made in a somewhat timid and half-hearted way. The Committee seem to be in an attitude of mortal terror in presence of the dreaded female invasion and to be trying their best to check and restrict it. Hence the limitation to three of the ladies on the General Committee and of the lady members of any sub-committee to one. There is a practical difficulty in the way of the latter restriction, inasmuch as the temporary absence of the lady sub-committeeman would involve the entire neglect of her department of work. However, it is matter for congratulation that the proposal should be made at all, even in this restricted form. Nor can we imagine that any serious opposition will be offered to it. The orphanage contains a large number of girls as well as boys; and it is a mere truism to say that there are many things which affect the up-bringing of girls which only women can properly look after. Indeed, our only surprise is that this palpable fact should not have been recognised before in the administration of the admirable institution at Norwood. On the general question, too, and quite apart from this practical case, it is as well that women should be given a greater share of control than has been hitherto conceded to them. It is easy for superior beings to denounce them as sentimental, emotional, and all the rest of it. But we ought not to forget that sentiment and emotion must necessarily play a considerable part in the government of a charitable institution. Business-like qualities are admirable in their way, but they must be tempered be a certain tenderness of spirit. In a word, it is the equal union of head and heart which makes philanthropy a success, rather than the over-shadowing of one by the other. Moreover, the time has long gone by when the Anglo-Jewish community could entrench itself behind prejudice and folly, and bar the way to women's advancement. We have seen Jewish women winning their way step by step to their rightful sphere, gaining entrance successively to the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association and to the Board of Guardians. It is a fortunate thing and of happy omen for the whole of the community. Furthermore, it is in full accordance with the progress of events in the Gentile world. Certainly, the present time, in which the praises of a woman who governed a great empire for sixty-three years are ringing throughout the world, is hardly the hour at which to oppose the extension of women's influence and women's labour in philanthropic work.

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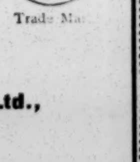

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The Finances of the United Synagogue.

Although, unlike last year, when a retrospect of thirty years was given, there is nothing very striking in the voluminous Annual Accounts of the United Synagogue, just issued to the members of the Council, they, as usual, well repay perusal and close study. There is a small shrinkage in the surplus for the year, but the gross revenue shows a slight increase, having been £31 649 against £31 238. This excess of £411 is spread over ten synagogues, four showing a falling off. The expenditure for the year was £18,671 as compared with £18,480, an increase of £190.

The following table gives a summary of actual revenue and expenditure for 1900:—

REVENUE

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Constituent Synagogues:—		
Seat Rentals (including Temporary Seats)...	15,833 5 11	
Offerings	7,217 10 7	
Marriage Charges	698 13 6	
Rates for General Purposes	5,986 11 6	
Burial Rates	1,694 6 11	
Other Items	219 4 5	
		31,649 12 10
United Synagogue:—		
Dividends, Interest and Income from Bequests	£919 15 9	
Rents	1,536 18 8	
Marriage Charges........	653 2 0	
Board of שחיטה......	865 10 0	
Chief Rabbi's Fund......	572 3 0	
Burial Rates	160 8 0	
Compensation received from Great Eastern Railway Company	150 0 0	
Legacies	161 0 0	
Other items	30 1 10	
		4,748 19 3
		36,398 12 1
Decrease of Bank Balance		1,741 13 3
		£38 140 5 4

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d
Constituent Synagogues:—		
Salaries, excluding Door-Keepers, Assistants, and Choir, Rents, Rates, &c.	11,309 4 3	
All other items (except Recoupment of Stock sold out and interest thereon)	7,362 14 4	
		18,671 18 7
United Synagogue:—		
Charities (excluding Burial Rates)........	3,133 2 5	
Salaries.................	3,710 0 0	
Pensions.................	746 6 5	
Votes of Council and all other Items	1,300 6 0	
		8,889 14 10
Jewish Religious Education Board............	748 4 11	
Burial Society	2,154 14 11	
Building Fund..........	1,248 6 3	
		4,151 6 1
Investments, including replacement of capital		2,586 17 6
Final Surpluses, paid to Bequests and Trusts Account		2,964 11 2
Hammersmith Synagogue Minister's House Extension		194 0 0
Hambro' Synagogue Re-erection Account:—		
Retained in 1899 balance	£544 16 8	
Vote of Council	88 4 0	
		633 0 8
Bayswater Synagogue Class Rooms, &c., Account:—		
Retained in 1899 balance............		48 16 6
		£38,140 5 4

We have compiled the following figures to show at a glance the total revenue, offerings, number of members and local expenditure, of each of the fourteen constituent synagogues:—

	Total Income.	Offerings.	Gentlemen's Seats Let.	Average total Contribution per Male Member.	Local Expenditure.	Surplus	Deficit
Great -	£2,945	£617	459	£5 10 9	£1,801	£155	—
Hambro -	523	149	199	2 11 1	528	—	£134
New -	1,516	364	318	4 6 6	1,064	4	—
Bayswater -	4,236	927	365	11 9 10	2,497	163	—
Central -	3,700	783	355	10 0 9	2,158	403	—
Borough -	749	201	167	4 6 5	652	—	151
St. John's Wood	2,934	722	373	7 15 3	1,565	422	—
East London	1,210	349	345	3 7 3	924	—	123
North London	1,406	361	235	5 16 2	1,093	—	80
New West End	4,643	1,115	322	14 1 2	2,459	482	—
Dalston -	2,270	288	365	6 2 11	1,333	145	—
Hammersmith	846	213	175	4 15 6	485	—	111
Hampstead -	3,631	746	384	9 8 7	1,442	769	—
South Hackney	1,105	276	252	4 5 6	591	131	—
	£31,721	£7 217	4 314	£6 14 1	18,592	£2 674	£599

From the foregoing table it will be seen that the Synagogue which had the largest revenue, offerings and average contribution per member, was the New West End, with an income of £4 643; the lowest income was that of the Hambro' Synagogue, £523, which had a deficit of £134, the second highest; the unenviable position of having the largest deficit is held by the Borough Synagogue—£151. Several of those synagogues which show large surpluses have repayments to make to recoup stock sold out by the United Synagogue towards the cost of the buildings. Several congregations have made grants from their final surplus towards the Associate Synagogue Scheme; the bulk is devoted to grants for local purposes and to avoid trenching upon the General Funds of the United Synagogue.

For the first time for some years the marriages show a diminution, the number during last year having been 952, against 1,010 in 1899. The deaths also show a decrease, the numbers being 1,858 (including still births) against 1,945 in 1899; of the total last year 1,414 were non-members; and 814 were "charity" funerals. No less than 481 interments were from hospitals or other public institutions—over a fourth of the total funerals.

The subsidiary accounts show that the Overseers of the Poor spent £551 in Old Age Pensions; £452 in grants for trade purposes; the total distributed by the Overseers on Bequests and Trusts Accounts having been £2,789. In addition, the Council voted £658. These figures are exclusive of the amounts contributed to the Jewish Board of Guardians, £1 273; Visitation Committee, £500; Services for the Poor, £420; Jews' College, £200; Jewish Religious Education Board (5 per cent. rate), £748.

No sale of stock has been made during the year. On the other hand, £2,377 has been recouped towards stock sold out in previous years. The Treasurers advocate an acceleration of the rate at which these recoupments take place. Much of the diminution in the aggregate funded property since the amalgamation—when it amounted to £39,169, whereas now it is £26,990—is accounted for by mere exchange of investments from stock to freehold property. On referring to the General Cash Account of 1871, it will be found that whilst the total interest on funded property (available for general purposes) was £1,154—against £776 in the General Cash Account for 1900—the rents in 1871 produced only £268, whereas in the General Cash Account for 1871 they figure for £1,631 gross, the nett amount (after deducting sums hypothecated or specially invested) being £712, a nett increase in 1900 on rents of £444, against a decrease of dividends from funds of £378. This leads us again to express our admiration of the clear and concise manner in which these voluminous accounts continue to be prepared by Mr. P. Ornstien, the Secretary of the United Synagogue, making reference and comparisons easy and instructive.

Law Society.—The following passed the recent Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society; Arthur Saville Cohen, Percy Morris Crawcour Hart (grandson of the late Moses Angel), Herbert Lennox Lumley and Henry Sagar. The following passed the Intermediate Examination: Henry Benjamin and Ernest Joseph Lowe.

Jottings from South Africa.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

CAPETOWN, JANUARY 16th.

Colonel Goldsmid, who is now Commandant at Worcester, occupied the chair at a meeting, on the 12th inst., for the formation of a Town Guard for that town, and at the conclusion was heartily cheered.

This last week has been rather an eventful one, including as it does amongst its incidents the attempted raising of a Jewish corps, a pastoral circuit by the Rev. Mr. Bender, and a Zionist concert. The incursion of the Boers into the Cape Colony led to the formation of Town Guards and Defence Corps, and presumably gave the idea to a certain Mr. Waldman to form a purely Jewish Company. Having obtained the necessary authorisation from the authorities, he proceeded to recruit, but with little success. General feeling was against the movement, it being felt that we had no need to isolate ourselves by so puerile and sectarian an attitude. It was felt that we should respond, if not joyfully, certainly enthusiastically, to the call to arms; but as units in several corps and companies, not as a composite body. There is presumably no difference in our rights of citizenship. Why should we make a distinction by such unnecessarily invidious action? Anyhow, the idea is a thing of the past, though, I am pleased to say, our people are joining heartily in the movement, and are "swearing in" as members of the different defence corps with a most creditable alacrity.

The first concert was given by the newly formed Zionist Choral Union on the 10th inst. The Good Hope Hall was filled by a large and appreciative audience, there being fully eleven hundred people present. The lady choristers were attired in white and wore blue sashes with a white "Mogen Dovid" embroidered thereon, and the male members wore Zionist favours. Above all waved the handsome silk banner of the Zionist Federation. The rendering of the choruses from Handel's "Judas Maccabæus," by the Zionist Choral Union, evoked unbounded enthusiasm; the Director, Mr. G Jaretsky, being most happy in his choice of "Oh Father! Thou Almighty Power," "Hail! Judea," "Happy Land," and "Hallelujah, Amen." That sweet singer of Zion, Miss Marie Cohen, of Johannesburg, captivated her audience by her exquisite rendering of Handel's "From Mighty Kings He took the spoil," and Miss Cohen had to re-appear again and again in response to numerous encores. Cape Town is most fortunate in having secured this brilliantly-gifted lady as a resident. All the other items of the programme were well received and greatly appreciated, particularly the singing of the Zionist Anthem, "Dort wo die Zeder." But the event of the evening was the eloquent address delivered by the Rev. J. H. Hertz, who chose for his subject, "Emma Lazarus, the Mother of Zionism." The concert was a grand success from every point of view, and its organisation and general management reflects the greatest credit on Mr. G. Jaretsky, who trained the choristers and directed the arrangements. On the motion of Dr. Hertz, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Jaretsky for his splendid efforts.

DURBAN.

Miss Hyams and Miss Goldberg, representing the Jewish Girls' Patriotic League, spent the New Year holidays in visiting the sick and wounded soldiers at the military hospitals at Maritzburg, Howick, Mooi River, Newcastle and Charlestown. They took with them large supplies of chocolates and cigarettes, and these at each hospital they distributed among the convalescent patients, leaving also some supplies with the nurses for others of the men as they recover. Reading matter for the soldiers in the military hospitals will be gratefully received by Miss Hyams, 4, Campbell Road, Berea, Durban.

OUDTSHOORN, JANUARY 13th.

At the break up of the public schools, Councillor M. Aschman, as Chairman of the School Board entertained the teachers and pupils of the Poor School to a picnic and musical evening. The local newspapers in commenting upon this act of kindness, paid a high tribute to Mr. Aschman for his thoughtfulness and kindness, and complimented him as a Jew for his endeavours and success in cementing the good feeling between the members of his creed and those of other denominations.

The Rev. A. P. Bender accompanied by Mr. M. Eilenberg (Vice-President of the Cape Town Hebrew Congregation) paid Oudtshoorn a pastoral visit last week. This visit had long been promised by the Rev. gentleman and long looked for by the Oudtshoorn community, and when he finally decided upon the date of his visit the whole of the Jewish inhabitants exerted themselves to make the stay of the visitors as enjoyable and pleasant as possible. Four members of the congregation went out about four hours' drive to meet the visitors. At about three-quarters of an hour from town they were met by a large number of people of both sexes, and a procession of about twenty-five carts accompanied the guests into town. The first day of the Rev. gentleman's stay here was occupied in visiting the individual members of the congregation. In the evening a banquet in Mr. Bender's honour was given in the Drill Hall at which about fifty gentlemen sat down. In responding to the toast of his health Mr. Bender complimented the community on the very rapid strides it had made in the cause of Judaism, and assured his listeners he had always watched with interest the advancement the children from Oudtshoorn had always made in their studies. During the Rev. gentleman's stay he was taken out to the largest ostrich farm in the district, owned by Messrs. Lipschitz, Telinski and Aschman, and was the guest of those gentlemen for the day. The Hebrew Classes, under Mrs. Moss Morris and Rev. Mr. Woolfson, were examined by Mr. Bender, who expressed his astonishment at the vast knowledge of Hebrew and Religion acquired by the children. The "Oudtshoorn Jewish Sociables" and "The Jewish Boys' and Girls' Guild" gave an "At Home" and a Musical Evening in honour of Mr. Bender. On Sabbath, sermons were preached in both synagogues by the visiting minister; and the community, one and all, admitted they had never before had the pleasure of hearing such sermons in Oudtshoorn. On Sunday Mr. Bender addressed a sermon to the children and met a public meeting for the purpose of establishing a Hebrew School, which it is to be hoped will soon be started here. After spending a week in Oudtshoorn, the visitors returned to Cape Town. During their stay they were the guests of the community and occupied the house of Mr. L. Feldt.

PORT ELIZABETH, 13TH JANUARY.

Mr. M. Gumpert, J.P., retired from the Mayoral chair last week after a most exacting year, during which he threw an amount of energy and ability into the work that was really surprising. The prestige of this important town has been well maintained during his year of office. He has not spared himself in time, labour or money, and retires with a splendid record, of which any holder of the office might well be proud.

The Town Hall was packed on Thursday last on the occasion of the distribution of prizes and certificates to the scholars attending the South End Branch of the Grey Institute Schools. The Rev. J. Phillips, a member of the Board and of the Standing Committee, was in the Chair, and delivered an address on "Manual Work."

Much interest was evinced in the annual election of seven members of the Board of Managers of the Public Schools of Port Elizabeth upon the Grey Foundation on Wednesday last. There was a spirited contest, and the result of the ballot showed that several old members had lost their seats. Our minister, the Rev. J. Phillips, was returned at the head of the poll.

The Proposed Manchester Jewish Hospital.

A well attended public meeting convened by the Committee of the proposed Jewish Hospital at Manchester was held on Sunday afternoon last at the Derby Hall, Cheetham. Councillor Dr. CHARLES DREYFUS (Chairman of the Committee) presided, and was supported by the Honorary Officers of the proposed Institution. The proceedings were to a great extent (so far as speeches go) a repetition of those of the previous Conferences which have been held in connection with the scheme and already reported.

Dr. DREYFUS in his opening remarks alluded to the death of Queen Victoria and said it was the object of his Committee to found the Jewish Hospital in memory of the Queen. The object of that meeting was to give to their subscribers and supporters some idea of the progress that had been made in the matter. Since September they had several Conferences with the object of explaining their scheme to the Jewish community of Manchester and more especially to those who did not approve of their proposals. The unanimity they had hoped to obtain had however not been attained, though he might add that the result of the Conference had been to bring into line with them a great many co-religionists who at first did not approve of the scheme. Their time had therefore not been wasted. Their movement, as they knew, had started amongst the poorest people in the community. Though Jewish patients had no reason to complain of the treatment they received in existing institutions they were still deprived of what, to them was most essential, namely, Kosher Food, which was a necessity that not even a dispensation from the Rabbi could obviate, for it was a physical impossibility to eat other than Kosher Food. Secondly their inability to speak the language of the country and explain the nature of their illness, and their requirements to the doctor and nurses caused an impediment to their recovery. Thirdly the question of surroundings was also an important factor. They liked to be surrounded by their own people in life, and in the last fight with death they wished to have their friends around them. This provision would be met by the establishment of the proposed Jewish institution. Did the concessions granted by the Royal Infirmary authorities to the Rev. Dr. B. Salomon, and which allowed Kosher Food to be brought into the institution, satisfy them?—(No, no). They did not satisfy his Committee either. Not until they established a specifically Jewish Hospital, would he and his Committee be satisfied. The cost of building the Hospital would be £6,000. It would contain beds for ten males and ten females. Equipment would cost from £1,500 to £2,000, and an annual income of £2,000 would be wanted for maintenance. He appealed to those present amongst whom the scheme had originated to give their pence and more if they could afford it. The opposition to the scheme had been greatly magnified. There were a few people who spoke with a loud voice. Their voices were indeed greater than their numbers. They still, however, hoped that those who had not seen their way to give their support would soon become as strong supporters of it as they were themselves—(Hear, hear). He would call upon Dr. Haring to move the following resolution:

> That this meeting is of the opinion that the erection of a Jewish Hospital for the needs of our poor coreligionists in Manchester and district is an absolute necessity, and pledges itself to support by all means in its power the Hospital Scheme.

Dr. HARING having proposed the resolution, it was seconded by Mr. JOSEPH MYERS. Mr. Myers said that with the help of the middle and working classes of the population they could carry out their object, even if they had not the support of those nominal Jews who, though they did subscribe to Jewish charities and perhaps synagogues, had practically forgotten the faith of their ancestors, and hardly associated themselves with their coreligionists. Comparing statistics given in the annual reports of the Manchester Jewish Board of Guardians, and the number of deaths where the cost of burial was defrayed by the community, he thought that there was a good deal of preventable mortality amongst their poor coreligionists. These fatal results could be avoided by having a Jewish hospital where these people could be properly treated, because they would be willing to go there, whilst at the present they would not go to hospitals where their religious scruples would not permit them to remain.

Dr. FINKELSTEIN, in supporting the resolution, said that the present medical institutions were overcrowded. There were many cases where ailing Jews would benefit by the accommodation that was proposed to be given. In fact, an hospital with sixty beds would not be too much for the Manchester Jewish population. In his opinion such an institution would be more useful than additional synagogues. (Hear, hear).

Mr. J. I. LOEWY also spoke in support of the resolution. He said that no competition need be feared by existing institutions, for none was intended. He earnestly appealed for support, financially, for their scheme, and they counted on obtaining at least 10,000 subscribers to their institution. He hoped that they would pay the tribute of respect for their Chairman by giving liberal support to the scheme. Mr. B. KOSTORIS also supported the resolution.

In reply to questions by Messrs. H. Jacobs and J. Firestone, the CHAIRMAN said that during the past eighteen weeks £175 had been collected in small subscriptions, an average of nearly £10 per week. The proposed Hospital would be carried on on strictly Jewish principles, with Kosher food. Jewish doctors would give their services and they would also train Jewish nurses. (Hear, hear).

The resolution was then put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Mr. S. CLAFF moved, Mr. N. ROBINSON seconded, and Mr. S. FINBURGH supported a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was duly passed, amidst great enthusiasm.

Dr. DREYFUS, in acknowledging the vote, dealt with the various objections made to the scheme, and announced that a further public meeting would be held, after which a public appeal for financial support would be made. He counselled his friends to have patience and moderation, in order to obtain their objects.

The proceedings then terminated.

The following letter has been received by Dr. B. Salomon in reference to his proposals—preparations for the carrying out of which are now being made:—

Secretary's Office, Royal Infirmary,
Manchester, Jan. 2nd, 1901.

REV. SIR,—Referring to my letter to you of the 7th ultimo on the subject of Kosher food for Jewish in-patients, I write to inform you that the Board of Management have approved the recommendation of the Infirmary Committee as conveyed to you in my previous communication.

Yours faithfully,
W. L. SAUNDER,
General Superintendent and Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Salomon,
Norwood House,
Heywood Street,
Manchester.

NORTH LONDON GROCERY RELIEF FUND.—At the thirteenth distribution of this season's charity, held at the Jewish Working Men's Club, Great Alie Street, on Thursday, January 31st, 372 families received grocery amounting to over 2,500 lbs. weight.

THE DEATH OF THE QUEEN.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICES.

On Saturday evening, coinciding with the conclusion of the Sabbath, services were held in all the synagogues in Great Britain and Ireland in memory of Queen Victoria. With the exception of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogues, for which a special Order of Service was drawn up by the Haham, the Chief Rabbi's Order of Service, as published in our last issue, was adopted in every synagogue. The Chief Rabbi's prayer was used in the service at the Berkeley Street Synagogue.

Great.

This synagogue was crowded, extra seats having to be provided. With few exceptions the congregation consisted of the members of the synagogue, among whom Mr. Alfred L. Cohen has to be placed. The exceptions included Mr. Henry Lucas and Mr. Albert H. Jessel, Vice Presidents; Mr. Felix A. Davis, one of the Treasurers; Mr. Isaac A. Joseph, one of the Treasurers of the Burial Society, and Mr. P. Ornstien, the Secretary of the United Synagogue, and the Rector of Spitalfields. Mr. Lucas and Mr. Jessel sat in the Wardens' Box with Mr. A. Rosenfeld and Mr. I. M. Marks. The fronts of the galleries were tastefully draped in black with white rosettes, and the splendid white and silver curtain used on the New Year and Day of Atonement which stretches along the whole front of the Ark and around the reading desk was covered with crape. The whole appearance of the grand building, brilliantly illuminated by electricity, was particularly impressive. The service was fully choral, the vocal music being accompanied on the organ by Mr. Henri de Solla, the conductor of the choir. Psalm xvi. (Michtam L'david) with which the memorial service opened, was sung by the Rev. M. Hast and the choir, as an elaborate Anthem specially composed by the rev. gentleman, instead of, as had been expected by the non-official worshippers, to Naumbourg's music, which was described in our last issue as having been played on the previous Sunday before the Royal Family at Whippingham Church. Mr. Hast's setting has a pathetically mournful prelude, which was played by Mr. de Solla. The Scriptural excerpts which followed were also sung by the Chazan and choir to music by Mr. Hast. The preparation of the Anthem by the choir with only a brief period at his disposal was a severe task for Mr. de Solla. It would be an advantage if a better instrument were used on future occasions.

The Chief Rabbi delivered the following

SERMON.

קמו בניה ויאשרוה

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed."—Proverbs xxxi., part of v. 28.

To-day a ceremony has been enacted—a ceremony ineffably sad and solemn—upon which have been focussed the eyes of a mourning Empire, which has evoked a thrill of sympathy throughout the world. The mortal remains of our Queen, who had ruled over her realm for three score years and three, were borne through the streets of the great metropolis on their way to their last resting-place, with signs of such genuine grief, as have been but rarely manifested. And now that the Sabbath is ended, we assemble in our places of worship, to pour out our hearts before the Lord, to offer up our supplications for the dead and the living, and to voice the meditations which prompted by this turning point in English history.

Authoritative voices that have been lifted up in temples of prayer, in the Senate house of the nation, and in halls of justice, have borne eloquent witness to the loss which the Empire, and indeed, mankind at large, have sustained. The newspaper press throughout the world, with absolute unanimity, has echoed, and not in rare instances surpassed, the force of these utterances. I would now essay to rehearse a few of the lessons taught by the life and work of Queen Victoria. For rarely, indeed, has there been a career richer in golden lessons that should and can be treasured by us all.

When we welcome the Sabbath in our homes we recite the praise of the good woman recorded in the concluding words of the Book of Proverbs—the praise of the good woman, who is the joy and pride of her household. This evening, as the Sabbath closes, our thoughts lovingly and reverently dwell upon her who was the joy and pride—aye the glory and the majesty of this realm. And our grief and our gratitude alike find vent in the inspired words: "Her children arise up and call her blessed."

In the Leaves from the Journal written by Her late Majesty, which permit us to have a glimpse into her innermost feelings, there is one specially touching passage. She relates how deeply she was moved when she heard a minister in her beloved Highlands praying, not for the Royal Family or the princes and princesses, but for the Queen and *her children*. Far beyond and above all outward grandeur and splendour was to her the sacred relationship of mother and child. And indeed rarely, if ever, has mother evinced deeper affection and truer sympathy for her children—an affection which was deepened, and a sympathy that grew the keener when the hearts of her offspring were gloomed by sorrow and bereavement. And right nobly did her kindred repay this affection and this sympathy. Germany's ruler cast aside for many precious days the most urgent affairs of State, and hastened to the deathbed of his revered kinswoman. And round her bier there was assembled a body guard of Sovereigns and of exalted representatives of every state.

But the words of our text are fraught with a still more comprehensive and stirring significance. "Her children arise up and call her blessed." May we not all regard ourselves as children of our departed sovereign? Was she not to us all a mother, benefactress, friend? On Sabbath last I dwelt upon the debt which we Jews owed to Queen Victoria and her reign. This evening I am addressing you as Englishmen and Englishwomen. We are proud, and justly proud of counting ourselves citizens of this great Empire. Future historians will describe in glowing words and stately periods all that she accomplished in furthering the welfare of her realm. During the reign of her immediate predecessors on the throne, there had prevailed much discontent. Affection and reverence for the throne had alike grown faint and feeble. It was a time not dissimilar from that portrayed in to-day's lesson from the prophets "The princes ceased, they ceased in Israel." The moral power of the monarchy had become enfeebled. "Until that thou Deborah didst arise, that thou didst arise, a mother in Israel." By a rare combination of sweetness and strength, by a harmonious blending of the best qualities of head and heart, by gentle sagacity and unassailable rectitude, by her choice of wise statesmen and by her firm reliance on their wisdom and loyalty, she succeeded in removing causes of discontent, in mitigating the bitterness of party conflicts, and averting political crises of menacing gravity. And thus, with Heaven's blessing she effected that happy state of her kingdom so graphically pictured in our Sabbath night psalm—"That our garners are full, affording all manner of store, that there is no breaking in nor going out, nor complaining in our streets." Through her personal influence with the Sovereigns of Europe, by her prudent cementing of friendships, she was again and again able to avert the horrors of war. And all this was accomplished, not by super-subtle diplomacy and Machiavellian finesse, but simply by the irresistible power of straightforwardness. It was thus that she strove, and thus that she triumphed. So that the record of her reign appears as a realisation of the Psalmist's ideal, "And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness."

"Her children arise up and call her blessed." For there is no home in England on which she did not exert a direct influence for good, making for purity, simplicity, and virtue. The Victorian Era marks a decided moral improvement, an unmistakeable abatement of coarseness in manner and speech, of riotous living and immoderate drinking. It will especially be noted for a gradual drawing nearer of the two nations as one of her greatest Prime Ministers described the two sections of her population—the rich and the poor. Again and again we read of the royal lady visiting the cottages of her poorest neighbours, gladdening the dim eyes of the aged by reading the Bible to them and praying with, and for them. Even when suffering from infirmities, she was wheeled to the bedside of her invalided soldiers, causing them to forget awhile their wounds and sickness by the bright smile of her queenly gratitude. How great was the influence she thus exercised upon Society, for who would hesitate to follow where the Sovereign points the way?

Vigorous efforts are being made at present by women to take a more active share than heretofore in public life, in administrative work, in coping with vice and destitution, and in remedying some of the evils that infest great cities. There are those who view this movement with distrust as being unwise, if not deeply mischievous. They apprehend that the participation of woman in public work may unfit them for their special vocation and privilege—the fair ordering of their homes. Can such an argument be justly advanced by a denizen of this Empire who must count the well-nigh sixty-four years during which a woman has sat upon the throne as the longest and fullest reign in English history? Must we not admit that Queen Victoria, while bearing the crushing burden of government, built up a home that has elicited the admiration and the reverence of civilised mankind, and, whilst ruling over three-hundred million subjects, never failed in a single duty of wifely tenderness, and of motherly forethought.

How was she enabled to accomplish this two-fold task? Simply by unflinching and unfailing devotion to duty. Rarely has woman endured so many strokes of sorrow, such sad bereavements. Through what seasons of anguish and dark despair must she have passed! But trusting in the help of God, with genuine piety that never degenerated into pietism, and relying upon the love of her people she never abated a jot of hope, and steered right onward. And we may, without irreverence, apply to her the praise accorded to our great teacher: "Her hands were steady until the setting of the sun." Until at last, her eyes became dim, and the pen fell from her trembling hands, and like a tired child she turned to the wall and fell asleep. And now Death has moulded into calm completeness the statue of her life.

> Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail
> Or knock the breast; no weakness, no contempt,
> Dispraise or blame; nothing but well and fair,
> And what may quiet us in a death so noble.

And when we speak and write of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, of blessed memory, it is not a mere repetition of a courtly phrase, but because she was, in sooth, blessed in her life, blessed in the time of her death, spared as she was the pang of decaying powers, blessed in the example she bequeaths to her Successor on the Throne, her family and her people, aye, "Blessed above women in the tent," for her life teaches the greatness of goodness, and the goodness of greatness.

Just before the close of the play of Hamlet, when the Prince of Denmark has met his tragic death, a triumphal march is heard, and Fortinbras enters, hailed as the future ruler of the land. Certain shallow critics regard this scene as an anti-climax, and as a superfluous appendage. It is not so. The dramatist would not permit the depressing thought, that the future of the country was veiled in darkness. Our sorrow, dear brethren, is soothed, and our grief is mitigated by the gladsome conviction that under Divine Providence, the future of the British Empire is assured. For the throne of a thousand years stands firmer now than in the far back days of any of its former occupants, Norman or Plantagenet, Tudor or Stuart. The splendid heritage of England has fallen into the hands of a worthy heir. King Edward the Seventh, aided by the gracious Consort that standeth upon his right hand, will work as devotedly for the happiness and welfare of his people as did his Mother of blessed and glorious memory. Even I, in my humble sphere of duty, have had opportunities vouchsafed to me of learning to know his kindness of heart, and to admire his unfailing tact. We all recognise the sweet sympathy with suffering, and the loving thought for the needy evinced by Queen Alexandra in the poor. Let us lift up our full hearts to God, and pray to Him for the living and of the dead!

At the close of the sermon, the Chief Rabbi, bearing a Sepher, ascended to the reading desk, where, with the utmost feeling, he offered up in Hebrew his own Special Prayer and the Prayer for the King and the Royal Family. Adon Olam was sung not to the traditional melody for the Day of Atonement, but to music by Mr. Hast. It is a fine composition, but those present at the synagogue who are not members missed the well-known and pathetic melody, which, chanted as it is at death beds, would have been so appropriate at Saturday evening's service. As Mr. de Solla commenced the opening bars of Chopin's sublime Funeral March, the vast congregation rose and remained standing in a reverent attitude until the music died away.

Lauderdale Road.

The circumstance that the Memorial Service at this synagogue was timed to commence at half-past seven instead of half-past five, as in every other synagogue, has given rise to some comment, but there was a valid reason for the distinction. The Bevis Marks Synagogue being closed, the members of the congregation who reside in the East End and the North of London, unless they violated the Sabbath by riding, would have been debarred from attending the Lauderdale Road Synagogue had the service there commenced with the conclusion of the Sabbath. The later hour was also chosen for the purpose of having the work of draping the synagogue in mourning executed on Saturday evening instead of prior to the Sabbath. The congregation included Sir Joseph Sebag Montefiore, the President, and Sir Francis Montefiore. The service was conducted by the Revs. J. Piperno and S. Conquy, the Rev. S. J. Roco being prevented from attending owing to official duties at a house of mourning. Commencing with some Scriptural verses selected by the Haham, the service comprised the chanting of Psalms 49 and 16, the sermon, and a prayer.

The Haham, the Rev. Dr. Gaster, preached the sermon. Taking as his text, "I will not let thee pass until thou hast blessed me," the preacher said: The voice of mourning has girded to-day the whole earth. For the first time in history one may safely say, have all the nations of the earth joined in paying the last tribute of unstinted praise and of universal regret. There is scarcely a feeling which has not been voiced more than once, no sentiment to which fitting utterance has not been given. Poets and prose writers, divines and laymen, men who wield the pen, and men who wield the sword, men of all ranks, of all stations, nay of all creeds, have mourned each one in his own way the great loss which has befallen the nation. The great Queen surrounded by a halo of veneration is now a thing of the past. She belongs to the realm of history. For good or for evil her life has run its course, and the time has come when the temporal has had to give way to the eternal, the earthly to the heavenly. And though her praise has been sung in many languages, and her loss bewailed by many nations, and although the roar of the human voices rose as the roaring thunder of the

ocean waves, it is still incumbent upon us not to rely on that form of mourning which is more expressive of grief than any other, the silence self-imposed, a suppression of utterance when we feel quivering with intense pain. We too will join our small voice to the loud thunder, now when we are beginning truly to realise the greatness of the loss. All day long we were either attracted by the solemn awe-inspiring pageant, or we were communing with our God, driving every other thought away from our mind. Now the night has come, the opening of a new day which finds the inhabitants of this Empire as one nation of orphans who have lost the mother to whom they were wont to look in times of joy and in times of sorrow. The beloved face has disappeared, the trusted guide is no more. Our sages tell us that when R. Meir lost his children his wife would not let him know of the great loss which they had sustained all the Sabbath day. But when the night came she told him that a man had entrusted her with a precious jewel, and that after many years he had come to claim his property back, and she asked whether she was to return it. R. Meir replied: Can there be any doubt in thy mind as to the obligation of returning it. Thereupon she led him into the bedchamber and showed him the jewels entrusted to their care, the children, whom she owned God had reclaimed. We are also now returning a precious jewel to the Lord, the life of our Queen, whom He had allowed to adorn the world for more than four-score years, far beyond the span of life allotted to man. R. Meir and his wife resigned themselves to His unfathomable decree, and merely said: "God has given, God has taken, may the name of the Lord be blessed." How much more reason have we to resign ourselves to His unfathomable decrees when we look back upon that life which has been taken away from us not cut off in the midst of years, not broken in the early stage of bloom, but after a long and happy life, after a ripe and full age, blessed with health and with mental vigour, and able almost to the very last day of her life to exercise her beneficent sway. It would be idle to attempt on this occasion to do justice even to a small fraction of all that the late Queen has seen accomplished in her long and active life. There is no phase of human life in which she has not taken a prominent part. Like a diamond with many facets, each of them reflects one more ray of the light in which she sparkled through her virtues. As wife, as mother, as queen, as friend to the poor, as just and upright and true. Hence the secret of the universal feeling of mourning which is as genuine as it is spontaneous. A nation, a mass of people, cannot be commanded into one or another feeling. Unless it surges up from the depth of inner conviction it could not manifest itself on such a scale and with so many marks of genuineness in it. The artificial character would at once be recognised. Queen Victoria appealed to all strongly, and, therefore, all were anxious to bid her the last farewell before she passed over the threshold leading to eternity. But however universal the feeling is, yet the sorrow and feeling of loss partakes also of an individual character. Everyone has lost something, and it is this loss over which we mourn. We, in the capacity of her late subjects, bewail the parting with a Sovereign so exalted and so meek, so great and yet so human. But as Jews we must feel the loss still more acutely. Two feelings are mingled in that sorrow—feelings of gratitude towards the past, and hope for the future. At her hands we have received from the very beginning of her reign unmistakable tokens of favour and goodwill. The masses of the people are fickle and unreliable, but the influence of the throne upon moulding the ideas, toning down prejudices, softening asperities and removing barriers, though subtle and often not recognising clearly is more potent than people imagine. Slowly it filters through from the highest in the land to the lower masses, and helps to build up a solid basis upon which we can stand with safety. However much we may talk of public opinion in the long run, this very opinion becomes the more quickly public opinion when it is known that it is likely to be shared also by those classes which are considered exclusive. In this way has the Jewish community to remember the blessing which it owes to the many open and unmistakable tokens of Her Majesty's goodwill and favour. From the time of Sir Moses Montefiore and the terrible accusations in the East down to the latest persecutions to which our brethren are exposed in countries nearer home, Queen Victoria has taken a deep personal interest, as we may add without committing an indiscretion. She would insist on knowing or seeing personally every document bearing on the persecution of Jews in Russia, and Roumania. This moral shield which she threw over our brothers has been a great protection to those in other countries. It has prevented the passion of race-hatred from crossing the silver band which separates England from the Continent, and has preserved to this country the proud privilege of being practically the only asylum of all those who are oppressed and down-trodden. To think that at her advanced age, and with the cares of an Empire like this weighing on her, she still found time for, and sympathy with our unfortunate brethren, is sufficient to make her memory a blessed one for us and a bright exemplar also to many of our own faith. Still more do we feel the blessing of her memorable reign, as we know that it will not pass away with her. She has been able to bring up her family to follow in her footsteps, and, from the lips of His Majesty the King we heard, in the very first words that he spoke, that he intended walking in her footsteps. The Empire turns hopefully to the sun which has risen, as soon as the other has sunk into the waves of eternity, it expects to find the same warmth of sympathy, the same light of progress and freedom to radiate from it. Nor can we doubt that these hopes are well-founded. The Queen has laid the foundation of a new Empire, based on freedom, liberty, tolerance and good-will. May the hands of the King rear the building in her spirit, so that all her children, all her loyal subjects and their descendants may rise up and praise her; for her memory will remain a blessing.

At the conclusion of the Sermon, Dr. Gaster offered up a prayer specially written by him of which the following is the translation:—

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are judgment; a God of truth, in whom there is no iniquity; just and righteous is he. In whose hand is the soul of every living thing and the breath of every mortal man. The Lord killeth and maketh alive; He bringeth down to Sheol and bringeth up. He taketh the souls and keepeth his faithfulness to those who slumber in the dust. He ruleth in his world, and who is there who may say unto him, What doest Thou? O Lord and King, who sittest upon the throne of mercy and art full of compassion towards all flesh and spirit! Cause to ascend before thee the remembrance of our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria who has departed this world and has been gathered unto her people in a good old age. Supreme King of Kings! remember unto her for good the pious deeds which she has performed during a long and glorious reign; that she walked before thee with a perfect heart and an upright mind. Reward her according to her righteousness, recompense her according to the purity of her actions. Let her merits plead before thee. Have mercy upon her and grant her thy compassionate love, so that the word be fulfilled: "And thy righteousness shall go before thee and the glory of the Lord shall follow in thy rear." May she find the gates of Heaven open, and angels of peace ready to receive her into the realm of bliss. May she abide under the shadow of the Almighty, and her rest be glorious in the divine inheritance, there to dwell unto the end of time, "when the dead shall live again and the deceased among my people will rise up." Supreme King of Kings, who healest the broken-hearted and bindest up their wounds, heal also this great breach. Send thy divine comfort to the mourners, grant them soothing joy instead of grievous sorrow. Comfort His Majesty our most gracious Sovereign King Edward, our gracious Queen Alexandra, George Duke of Cornwall and York, the Duchess of Cornwall and York, and all the Royal Family! Grant them long life. Bless them with the abundance of thy divine grace. Fulfil their wishes for the good of the Empire and for its prosperity, and hasten the days of the Redeemer unto Zion: And may this be thy gracious will. *Amen.*

Berkeley Street.

This Synagogue was crowded. The Chief Rabbi's Order of Prayer was used, with the addition of Psalm ciii. The service opened with Chopin's Funeral March and closed with the Dead March in *Saul*, both played on the organ by Dr. Verrinder, the vast congregation standing meanwhile. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Morris Joseph and Isidore Harris. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Morris Joseph, from Psalm cxxvii., 2: "Thus He giveth unto His beloved sleep." When, he said, they pictured this weak woman gracing the most splendid throne on earth, wielding with wisdom and dignity the sceptre of world-wide empire, compelling the homage of myriads, uplifting their moral ideas, it seemed as if some wondrous page of Holy Writ was being unrolled before them. For in the Bible it was always a woman that was the good genius. In these days Victoria had preserved England—everything that was best in England: loyalty to the Throne, contentment and peace, sweetness of living, rectitude, loving-kindness—everything that made a great nation. By a woman, Britain, like Israel of old, had been saved. In olden days there sat a King on England's throne whose terrifying name Moslem mothers used after his death to still their restless little ones. Not so would it be with the dead Queen. Mothers would use her name, not to affright their children, but to lead them tenderly upwards by the story of a gracious life. That was her greatest, because her inalienable heritage—a heritage grander even than the crown she wore or the splendid Empire she ruled—a heritage that death could not touch nor time destroy. It was beautiful to think that in the coming centuries the people of a greater Britain than even her sceptre swayed would rise up and call her blessed. Let them thank God for it—rejoice in it even amid their tears. And so, full of years, crowned with true honour, attended by world-wide homage, she had gone to her eternal rest. It was a fit ending to a perfect life. Nay, it was the beginning of the perfect life. She whose heart beat high with love was in the arms of a loving God. Let that content them. Their fervent prayer was that the Mother's virtues might exalt the Son, and impart their lustre to his sway. With the sacred Poet they cried to the King, "In thy majesty ride on prosperously in behalf of truth and meekness and righteousness." For so the rule of the seventh Edward would be no unworthy sequel to Victoria's splendid reign.

The Synagogue was effectively draped in purple and white; laurel wreaths hanging from the drapery and from the candelabra on the Reading Desk. The work was carried out by some of the lady-members of the West London Synagogue Association, under the direction of Mrs. Morris Joseph. It was thus appropriately made a task of love. The materials used for draping the Synagogue have been sent as a donation to the Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association.

New West End.

The beautiful building was draped in the most perfect taste with black festoons and streamers relieved with purple and white. The Union Jack, likewise covered with crape and bordered with black and purple velvet, trailed in front of the pulpit, from which depended a wreath of evergreens. Tall waving palms adorned the Ark, Pulpit and Reading Desk. The whole of the decorative scheme was carried out under the personal direction of Mr. Isidore Spielman and the Board of Management, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Phillips. The Reader, the Rev. J. L. Geffen, effectively rendered the solo portions of the Special Service. The Choir, which has been recently re-constitnted, was under the direction of the Choirmaster, Mr. D. M. Davis. A profoundly impressive effect was produced by Mr. James Coward, Mus. Bac., in the instrumental portion of the service, particularly in Chopin and Beethoven's Funeral Marches at the commencement and conclusion of the service respectively. The National Anthem was sung.

The Rev. S. Singer preached from the text Psalm xxxv. 14, "I was bowed down grieving, as one that mourneth for a mother." The Queen's death partook of the character of a personal bereavement. Even those who never saw her came under and confessed her influence, and felt that they had a share in her, and she in them. Her death made us feel as if our country were not quite the same to us now that her gracious presence was withdrawn. Potent among the influences for good she had bequeathed to England and to the world was this, that she had become the type in which other occupants of the throne would be expected to model themselves. By the standard she had herself established the private as well as the public life of monarchs would be judged. She had made sovereignty a harder task for her successors, for Kings and Queens everywhere; but she had also shown them how to strengthen the foundations of the throne more effectively than by any number of legal enactments or the exercise of any amount of physical force. Her influence had ever been on the side of peace, of clemency, of toleration, and of liberty. Her sympathies were boundless, and were expressed in a manner that took every heart captive. She taught the world during half her life the noblest lesson on the sanctification of sorrow. People at one time grew impatient of her exclusion after her great bereavement. But never did she allow her grief to interfere with the essential duties of her station, as distinguished from the parade and glitter of it. Her fidelity to one dear memory gave to her whole character a stamp of the sublime. There was surely no one among us now who would not choose rather to remember her for a love passing the love of all women than for a magnificence passing the magnificence of all Queens.

At the generally expressed desire of the vast congregation, Mr. Singer's Sermon will be printed in full.

Bayswater.

Seldom or never has the Bayswater Synagogue presented the appearance which it did at the Memorial Service. The crowded assembly of worshippers in the body and galleries might have reminded one of the High Days and Festivals, had it not been for the purple and black festoons on both sides of the gallery, and the crape-bedecked pillars near the ark. The Rev. I. Samuel recited the prayers and psalms, with the assistance of the choir, in an impressive manner. A little colour was lent to the mournful appearance of the interior by the military uniform of some of the male worshippers, and by the scarlet hood of the minister, the Rev. Dr. Gollancz, which he wore out of respect to the late Queen, who was Patron of the London University. A most dramatic incident occurred in the course of Dr. Gollancz's sermon, which remarkably enhanced the solemn effect of his words. As he was uttering the words: "She, too, now has crossed the bar; God has given His beloved sleep," the whole of the electric light which till then had brilliantly illuminated the ladies' gallery, suddenly went out, and the sermon was continued without it. Adon Olam was beautifully rendered according to the tune chanted on Kippur. In addressing his congregants, Dr. Gollancz said: In spite of the fact that our ever-to-be lamented Queen exceeded the four-score years of life, that she has left to posterity a name unequalled in the annals of universal history for piety, faith, and goodness, for purity, humanity, and justice, yet her people feel the suddenness of her demise with a keenness of grief that can scarcely be realised even by those sympathising friends of the Empire, who are showering upon this country their tributes of sorrow at the loss of her who was once our Queen. Here is an opportunity for our leading wealthy brethren, aye even for the middle-class and poorer sections of our community, to give a practical turn to this deep-seated feeling of gratitude; and now that our beloved Queen is no more, to start without delay, as a Jewish tribute, a Victoria Memorial Fund, which, while honouring Her Memory, might be applied to the carrying out of some of those religious and social measures, that have been too long in contemplation for the amelioration of the condition of the poorest amongst us in the various parts of the metropolis. Speaking of academic honours, I am reminded that our late Queen, as Patron of the London University, to which I have the honour to belong, set the royal stamp upon the

only unerring principles which should guide every corporation or constitution that would assure its security and success, its power and prosperity—namely, the broadest measure of liberty of conscience, the non-intervention of the State in the religious beliefs of the individual. This splendid liberality, as far as it affects religious creed, which marks the Charter of our University, founded in the first year of Victoria's reign, is but a further tribute to the qualities of the noble Queen whom we are sorely lamenting, and can never be sufficiently emphasised by us Jews. For while it is but thirty years since the Tests were removed in the older universities, London University, the establishment of which was coincident with the beginning of Queen Victoria's brilliant reign, has, during more than sixty years, permitted neither Jew nor Gentile to suffer under the unjust and unreasoning effects of religious disabilities. She, too, now has crossed the bar; God has given His beloved sleep. She sleeps the sleep of the righteous, in the land free from pain and suffering, free from the cankering care and anguish of earthly life, free from the sorrows and troubles of which she had drunk so deeply, free to enter the presence—let us believe—of the Supreme King of Kings, having but exchanged an earthly throne for a throne in Heaven, the mortal crown for the immortal crown of glory. We would fain believe this, for she who as a child is said to have remarked, "I will be good," must surely during life have held before her mind's eye the inspiriting words of old: "May I die the death of the righteous, and may my latter end be like theirs." The Royal Lady whom all the world is bewailing to-day with a fervour and truthfulness too deep for words, not only died the death of the righteous, but lived the life of the just and upright, and has thus rendered herself worthy of the rewards treasured up in the world of bliss everlasting for those who in life may be said to have "walked with God."

Central.

The Rev. D. Fay preached the Memorial Sermon. All that was mortal, he said, of Victoria Queen and Empress had been borne that morning amid pomp, and with impressive ceremony, to rest in her last home; to be laid presently beside the remains of him, her Consort, who had for too brief a period shared her joys, and whose demise, alas, had caused her so many years of poignant grief. Their ancient Doctors had taught them that the benefit that accrued from attending a Memorial Service was the emotion it aroused. Nothing was wanting that day to stir within them the profoundest sentiment of affection for the person of the deceased Monarch, one of admiration of her noble virtues. Nothing could exceed the love, devotion and loyalty with which in life she had inspired them. It was true that pageants were mere outward indications of a grief that could be commanded. Naval demonstrations, military displays, and every external sign of pomp a monarch might direct; but far above the strains of instruments sending forth funeral marches, above the boom of cannon, above the sound of muffled drums, not a son or daughter of the Empire but heard the beating of his or her own heart quickened by painful excitement; not an indweller within the realms that owed allegiance to their Queen but gave the spontaneous tribute of a sincere and profound sorrow at the irreparable loss that had been sustained. Pageants could be commanded, but hearts had to be won. Mr. Fay said that if looking back upon the Queen's rule they bowed their heads in thanksgiving to Almighty God for having vouchsafed to them so true a Sovereign, so broad-minded a Queen, a monarch with such insight as to build up the realm upon the strong pillars of equality, their thanksgiving was only another evidence of the estimation in which they held Victoria, a further indication of the depth and sincerity of their sense of bereavement.

The service was very largely attended, among those present being Mr. and Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild, Sir Marcus and Lady Samuel, and the honorary officers, Messrs. Joseph Pyke, Samuel E. Moss and Asher Isaacs. The synagogue presented a very imposing and solemn appearance. The front of the ladies' galleries, all the pillars, the electroliers had been draped in black and white and the general mourning adopted by every worshipper added to the sombre appearance. The service was beautifully rendered by the Rev. E. Spero, whose recitative of Psalm 16 to his own music was specially affecting. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Jules Hollander, materially helped to enhance the effectiveness of the service, whilst Mr. Angelo A. Asher's accompaniment on the organ left nothing to be desired. After the evening service had been read, Mr. Asher played Mendelssohn's funeral march, and at the conclusion of the service that of Chopin. Prior to the reading of the Prayer for the Royal Family, Mr. Joseph Pyke opened the Ark, and two Scrolls of the Law, borne respectively by Mr. Samuel E. Moss and the Rev. D. Fay, were carried to the reading desk.

Hampstead.

On Saturday evening this synagogue, which was effectively draped in black and purple, was filled by a congregation numbering over a thousand. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Stoloff. The Memorial Prayers were read by the Rev. A. A. Green, who delivered a sermon. Taking as his text Psalm xxiii., 41, the preacher said: Under all the pageantry of state ceremonial there lie a depth of feeling and a sincerity of affection which make the nation's real grief the greatest of all possible tributes to the Queen, at whose passing away the world has stood hushed to-day. No religious denomination has waited or could wait till this moment to express the sentiments of its adherence towards the departed monarch. Englishmen loved their Queen too well, and mourn her too truly, to have been able to await in silence the solemn moment which has now come when the final tribute of homage is to be rendered to her honoured memory. The picture before us has been so complete and so beautiful that an additional touch, however masterly, must take something away. We leave it for all time as something too sacred to be touched. We leave it to do equal justice to what she was and to what we thought of her. It is an honour to her—it is an honour to us. Great the Queen that could inspire such feeling—great the people capable of feeling it! Our abiding sentiment is not one of sadness, but one of pride; it is our duty now not to depress our hearts, but to lift them up and to thank the great King of Kings that the best that she was and the best that she did remain with us to bless and uplift us. They serve as a bright inspiration even to the humblest and most insignificant to teach the grand lesson that the crown of royalty, though great and bright, is not so great or so bright as the crown of a good life and a good name. If we can but shape our life like hers, rising to all our duties, and responding to all claims upon our effort, then death shall indeed be robbed of all its sting.

St. John's Wood.

The Rev. Harris L. Price devoted his sermon on Sabbath morning last to the subject of the Queen's death. The preacher reviewed the progress which Judaism had made in England in the Victorian era, and spoke also of her Majesty's piety and ever-ready sympathy.

At the Memorial Service on Saturday last the Rev. B. Berliner preached from Psalms xxii., 18, and 1 Samuel, ii., v. 8. He said: Our late beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria adopted the words of King David as her rule of conduct throughout life, "Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in the way of integrity, he shall minister unto me." She was one of the pillars of the earth: she regarded herself as "a Messenger of the Lord of Hosts;" and all her deeds were calculated to strengthen such principles as are for the welfare of humanity.

Hambro.

It was found necessary to turn away quite a crowd of persons who sought admission to the commemoration service at this synagogue. The interior of the building was full to overflowing, and was suitably draped for the occasion. Immediately after the evening service the choir, under the direction of Mr. S. Amstell, sang Psalm xvi. The Rev. W. Esterson took for the text of his sermon Job i., 21, "The Lord gave, the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." The Rev. J. Hiller read the evening service and the Hebrew portions of the Special Prayer. The service concluded with the "Atonement" rendering of "Adon Olam," followed by the singing of "God save the King."

New.

The pulpit, the electric standards at the Ark and on the reading desk were draped in black, kindly supplied by Mr. Morris Cohen, a member of the Board of Management. The curtain covering the Ark was of purple velvet with black satin trimmings, and the white vestments were those used on the New Year and Day of Atonement. The service was conducted by the Rev. M. A. Epstein, assisted by the Choir, under the direction of Mr. Morris Marks. The Rev. S. Levy, B.A., delivered the memorial sermon, taking his text from Psalm xlv., 8: "Thou didst love righteousness and hate wickedness, therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." It is interesting to note, as mentioned by Mr. Levy in the course of his sermon, that the foundation stone of the New Synagogue was laid in 1837, the year of the Queen's accession to the throne, and the synagogue was opened for Divine Worship in 1838, the year of the Queen's coronation.

Hammersmith.

At the Memorial Service held at this synagogue, there was a very large congregation. The White Vestments and curtains used for the High Festivals covered the Ark, Reading Desk and Pulpit, which were also draped with purple and black. After the evening service had been read and Pralm xvi. chanted, the Rev. Michael Adler, B.A., delivered a sermon from the text Job i., 21, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." The Jewish conception of death was a peaceful falling to sleep of that weary child of earth, the Angel of Death coming not as an unwelcome messenger, but as a kindly gift of God, "Thus He giveth to His Beloved sleep." The lesson of submission and resignation conveyed in the text, was one taught also by the manner in which Her late Majesty had borne the sorrows of her own life, and yet maintained the loftiest conception of her duty towards her people at all times. The grief for her death was a genuine expression of sorrow coming from the depths of the heart of the British nation and of the whole of the civilised world. It was not made to order. It was striking evidence of the manner in which Victoria had won a complete victory over the hearts and emotions of her people. The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Western.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. H. Davids and the Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Gerald Friedlander, who described the Queen's reign and life as having been a blessing.

East London.

This Synagogue was veiled for the Special Memorial Service in the deepest mourning. The galleries were hung with black draperies relieved by white fringe, tassels and purple rosettes. The pulpit was similarly decked, the front being adorned with the royal initials V.R.I. in choice white flowers. The work was entirely carried out by two lady members of the congregation, Mrs. M. Amstel and Mrs. E. J. Proops, assisted by Miss Julia Hyam, a member of the Communal League, who gave their services as a tribute of affection for the dead Queen. The execution of the work occupied the greater part of three days, and the result testified both to the taste and skill of these ladies. The Synagogue was crowded. The holding of the service was notified by cards to the members, and by posters circulated in the district; and a number of non-Jews were present. There was an interval of a quarter of an hour between the ordinary Saturday evening Service and the Special Memorial Service, an arrangement which permitted congregants residing at a distance from the Synagogue being in their places by the time the special service was commenced. Mendelssohn's Funeral March on the organ (kindly lent by Mr. Nelson Samuel), was solemnly played by Mr. Roe, of the Stepney Jewish Schools and Organist of the London Hospital Church. The Special Psalm and Biblical verses were read by the Rev. I. Greenberg, assisted by the Choir, under the direction of Mr. H. Weinstein, who adapted the settings to which the concluding verses were feelingly sung. The Rev. J. F. Stern introduced his Sermon by stating that he had read in the newspapers that on the previous Sunday the preacher at the Chapel Royal, speaking from the very spot where the dead Queen in the heyday of her youth had plighted her troth to the noble consort of her choice, a little more than a year after she had ascended the throne and had wedded herself in sooth by her coronation vows to her adoring people, announced to his congregation that he took no Scriptural text for his Sermon, remarking that none was necessary on that occasion, and he proceeded to speak of the dead Queen, as every minister had done in the previous week, the ministers of State, the ministers of Justice, as well as the ministers of religion. He thought the preacher in giving out the words "The Queen" as his theme selected the most telling text that could possibly inspire a sermon—the text that was sure to go home to their sorrowing hearts—the text that would arouse more noble thoughts than any other two words in their language, the text that would never fade nor grow dim in the memory of English men and women, the text that was suggestive of all that was good, of all that was noble and loveable in human nature. At the conclusion of the Service the Dead March in Saul was played on the Organ, while the congregation remained standing in their places. Several members of the Jewish Communal League acted as Stewards.

On Saturday afternoon the usual monthly Children's Service was held when the body of the Synagogue was filled by the pupils of the Stepney Jewish Schools and the Baker Street Board School Religion Classes. The Rev. J. F. Stern addressed the children in the words "I will be good," and told them of the sweet disposition as a child of the dead Queen, who, as he spoke, was being borne to her grave amid the sorrowful manifestations of her bereaved subjects.

Borough.

No black decorations were introduced at this synagogue, but in addition to the white hangings and vestments which normally mark the reading of the Memorial of the Departed on the Festivals, the gas standards and brass-work were shrouded in streamers of purple. The Evening Service was read by the Rev. M. L. Cohen. Psalm xvi. was chorally chanted to a traditional melody. The special prayers were recited by the Rev. F. L. Cohen, who delivered an address based on Hosea xiii., 14: "O Death, where are thy plagues? O Grave, where is thy destruction?" The preacher described in detail the triumphant vindication of the prophecy penned by Tennyson fifty years ago, and in poetical language showed how the peaceful falling asleep of the aged Queen and the loving veneration of her personal worth which had followed her to her resting-place divested death of its plagues and the grave of its destruction. The snarl of a little pack of Continental Jew-baiters only added to the lustre of the halo which Israelites throughout the globe saw resplendent about the venerable head of the Mother of her peoples. To her, never did creed, or race, or colour, raise obstacles in the way of even-handed favour and all-embracing sympathy. If a wise statesman born of our race was

deservedly the favourite Minister of her declining years, still more grandly was her breadth of mind and sense of fairness seen in the ardour with which, already near the average term of life, she set herself to master the speech of dusky millions in the East, who acknowledged her as Empress. To her personal example was it greatly due, as well as to those tendencies of which she made herself the personification, that the supreme glory of the Victorian Era and Empire was attained, that a close brotherly feeling had spread throughout this blessed Realm of Freedom. Adon Olam was sung to the traditional Yom Kippur tune. The preacher having announced that one of the last acts of the departed Queen had been to signify the wish that the testimonial offered by the children of Canada for her acceptance should be handed over for the benefit of widows and orphans of her brave troops in South Africa, a collection was made after the close of the Service, in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

Maiden Lane.

The Memorial Service was impressively read by the Rev. P. Phillips, the Minister. The Synagogue was beautifully decorated for the occasion with black and white draperies by Mr. J. I. Lyon of High Holborn.

North London.

The synagogue was effectively draped by the kindness of Miss Beatrice Goodman, who, with the assistance of two friends (Miss Joseph and Miss Broady) spent much time in arranging the pulpit, the standard lamps, Wardens' box and minister's seat, in designs of black and purple material. Mr. M. Michaels (Upper Street) supplied for the purpose a good quantity of black and purple stuff. The service was choral and the Rev. S. Munz officiated. The Rev. Julius A. Gouldstein delivered an address upon a text from the morning's Sedrah "The Lord reigneth for ever."

Dalston.

This Synagogue was as densely crowded on Saturday evening as on the Day of Atonement. The Rev. J. Lesser conducted the service, and, with Mr. I. Goldston, led the choir. The touching melodies specially selected for the occasion were much appreciated by the congregation. The Rev. M. Hyamson delivered the sermon, in the course of which he said: Though her late Majesty exceeded the limit of age assigned by the Man of God to those of extraordinary vigour, few paused to reflect that, in the ordinary course, the silver cord must soon be severed and the golden bowl be broken. How much of the progress and development, not only of this sea-girt island, but of the whole continent is due to her calm counsels and sober influence on her brother-sovereigns, history has yet to recount.

The sermon is to be reprinted for distribution among the members.

New Dalston.

The service was intoned by the Rev. C. Davies; and the whole congregation, doing duty as a choir, sang the responses. The Rev. A. Feldman, B.A., delivered the Memorial Address from Ecclesiastes vii., 1. "A good name is better than good ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth."

South Hackney.

At the special service on Saturday evening there was a crowded congregation, which included many non-Jews. The Rev. G. Isaacs chose the following as the text of his sermon: "I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother," Psalm xxxv., 14. The preacher dwelt at length on the many noble qualities of the Queen, and on the debt of gratitude the Jews owed her.

Notting Hill.

The Prayers were impressively intoned by the Rev. H. Caplin. Mr. S Alfred Adler preached the Sermon. He took his text from Psalm cxvi., v. 15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His loving ones." In the course of his address he said: That day, near four years ago, when Queen Victoria passed through her capital she loved so well, to give thanks unto God for having granted her sixty years of glorious reign, must have been one of the happiest in her life. "I am too happy to be tired" were her own words. This day has been the saddest in ours. And yet not all sadness. Death is swallowed up in Love and Hope and Victory. Some Polynesian tribes believe that the stars are the eyes of their ancestors and cannot we, in a sense, believe that she whom we have lost—a star with "bright fire overbrimmed"—still looks down from Heaven upon the people she loved so well and served so faithfully, that our tears do not go unseen, our sobs, unheard.

South East London.

The service was conducted by the Rev. N. Goldston, assisted by the honorary choir under the direction of Mr. Albert M. Jacobs. The sermon was preached by the minister, the Rev. N. Goldston, on the subject, "A good and noble life," from the text, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, but the spirit shall return unto God who gave it," Eccles. xii., 7.

North-West London.

The Rev. Walter Levin intoned the prayers and preached the sermon. Mr. P. Abrahams ably presided at the harmonium.

The Chevras.

In most of the minor synagogues in the East End Memorial Services were held on Saturday evening in the presence of large congregations. Although the bulk of these were were not British-born subjects, the sorrow was even greater because the mourning worshippers were able fully to appreciate the freedom they have enjoyed in this country under the enlightened rule of the late Queen. Many a sob was heard when the preacher referred to this fact in their discourses. Synagogues were draped in black and the worshippers for the most part also wore mourning garb.

At the Princes Street Synagogue the Rev. P. Fassenfeld read the Memorial Prayer and the Prayer for the King and Royal Family in English, and the Rev. Hyman Shulman delivered a discourse. A letter of condolence on behalf of the synagogue has been sent to the King. The Rev. L. Mendelssohn, B.A., preached at the Great Alie Street Synagogue, where the prayers were read by Mr. Applebaum.

At the Mile End New Town Synagogue (the members of which sent a telegram of condolence to the King, from whom they have received a gracious reply) Mr. Reuben Tribich, of Jews' College, delivered a sermon; and the Rev. A. S. Miller preached at the Cannon Street Road Synagogue. The Rev. M. Claff conducted the service at the New Road Synagogue where Mr. Barbinsky preached. The members of the synagogue have sent an address of condolence to the King. The Rev. Dr. J. Landau and the Rev. Mr. Perlzweig officiated at the Vine Court Synagogue, Dr. Landau also preaching.

At the Ein Jacob Synagogue, Spitalfields, the Rev. E. Regensburg preached. At the Talmud Torah Classes in Great Garden Street, the service was held for the pupils and for the members of the synagogue in connection with the classes. Mr. J. Milgrom conducted the services, and the Head Master, Mr. S. Uslianer, delivered a sermon in English. The Rev. A. Slavinsky read the prayers at the Greenfield Street Synagogue and the preacher was the Rev. L. Woronki.

At the Fieldgate Street Synagogue, a sermon was delivered by the Rev. S. Melnik. A letter of condolence has been sent to the King.

Children's Service.

On Sunday afternoon, the Great Synagogue was filled with boys and girls drawn from the Elementary Schools in the East End, for whom a Special Memorial Service was held. The Jews' Free School, with its Head Master, Head Mistress and Vice-Master, contributed by far the greater contingent of the youthful congregation, the other schools represented being the Spanish and Portuguese and the Old Castle Street, Bucks Row, Deal Street and Chicksand Street Board Schools. Among the few adults were Mr. A. Rosenfeld, Warden (who is also Treasurer of the Jews' Free School); and Mr. I. M. Marks, the Financial Representative of the synagogue; Mr. Alfred L. Cohen, the Vice-President; and Mr. F. D. Mocatta, a member of the Committee of the Jews' Free School. The Order of Service was the same as on the previous evening. It was conducted by the Rev. M. Hast, assisted by the choir. The preacher was the Rev. S. Singer.

Mr. Singer took his text from I Kings iii., the choice of Solomon at the commencement of his reign, when God asked him, "What shall I give thee?" And the young King replied, "Give unto Thy servant an understanding heart that I may judge Thy people, and may discern between good and evil." The preacher spoke of the early life of the Queen, her religious nature, the trials she had to bear, her desire to know and do the right in the station to which God had called her, her love of truth, her faithfulness to her old friends, servants and teachers, her industry in the discharge of her duties, her watchfulness over the interests of the nation, her sympathy with all classes of her people, and especially her great love for children. From all these he drew lessons suitable to his young audience. After referring to the great loss they had sustained by the death of such a ruler, Mr. Singer continued: But amidst all the sadness with which our hearts have been filled, there are two things to congratulate ourselves upon. First, we have had the happiness to live in the reign of a Queen under whose government more has been done for the good of the people than in the lifetime of any other monarch who has sat upon the throne, a reign during which we Jews have come to be treated on a perfect equality with the rest of the people of this country, and every real grievance of which we have ever had to complain has been got rid of. That is something for you to remember when you are grown up, something for you to talk about hereafter to other children. You will be able to say to them "I lived in the reign of Queen Victoria, the Good." And next we have reason to rejoice that we are now living under a Sovereign who has already shown himself a true son of his mother. That is proved by the first words he spoke to his first Council immediately after his succession, when he declared that he would give himself, as long as life was his, to the well-being of his people and the welfare of his Empire. There have now been seven Edwards, Kings of England. But we Jews have only known two—the first and the latest Edward. What a difference between our fate under the one and under the other! In the time of Edward the First all the Jews of England were either forced to be false to their religion or were ruthlessly driven out of the land, ruined, helpless, almost hopeless, to seek in other countries a shelter they were nowhere allowed to enjoy in peace for long. In the time of Edward the Seventh we are living under a Sovereign who makes no distinction among his subjects, be their religion what it may, and under laws which make it possible for Jews and Jewesses to fill any position for which they are fit, and to serve, as they were never allowed before—to *serve* as well as to love their country. We should indeed be ungrateful—and God forbid that we should ever deserve such a reproach!—if we did not value our blessings, and prove that we value them by striving, all of us, old and young, rich and poor, to do our duty as loyal citizens of our country, and as faithful subjects of our King, whom may God bless and preserve long and happily to reign over us.

The sermon was most attentively followed by the large mass of intelligent children of the upper standards from the various schools who formed the bulk of the audience. At the conclusion, the Ark was opened by Mr. Mocatta, for the Special Prayer of the Chief Rabbi, which was read by Mr. Singer. Adon Olam was sung by the children and the choir, with Mr. Morris Marks, teacher of the Free School Choir and Choirmaster of the New Synagogue, as conductor. The service concluded with the singing of "God Save the King." Mr. Henri de Solla played Beethoven's Funeral March at the opening of the service and Chopin's Funeral March before the National Anthem.

Manor Park.—Mr. Montague N. A. Cohen, of Jews' College, delivered a sermon at the East Ham and Manor Park Synagogue.

Finsbury Park.—A well-attended service was held at this Synagogue. The Rev. S. Linnewiel conducted the service and also preached the sermon, in which he dwelt on the rights and privileges which the Jews have enjoyed during her late Majesty's reign.

Poplar Synagogue.—The Memorial Service at this Synagogue was conducted by the Rev. M. Gray, and the address was delivered by Mr. I. Newman.

Spital Square Synagogue.—The Memorial Service was conducted by the Rev. I. Blachman. Mr. Abraham W. Turner, of Jews' College, preached a sermon, in which he eulogised her late Majesty, and pointed out the lessons to be learnt from a study of her life. The synagogue was tastefully draped in black. At a meeting held at the synagogue it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the King. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Turner for his sermon.

Beth Hamidrash.—In the course of his usual Sabbath afternoon reading given weekly from 1 to 2, the Rev. B Spiers, Dayan, made an eloquent sympathetic reference to the death of the Queen.

Woolwich.—At the service held by the Hebrew Congregation Mr. H Barnett gave an address.

Jews' Hospital and Orphan Asylum, West Norwood.—A Memorial Service was held in the synagogue of the institution on Saturday evening. The sermon was delivered by the Headmaster. A beautiful floral tribute to the memory of the late Queen was sent by the institution. It was in the form of a column of violets, with a cluster of white orchids and lilies at the base. The words "At Rest" were written in scarlet geraniums. To ensure its safe delivery, it was sent to Windsor by special messenger, and was securely placed in position.

Jewish Lads' Brigade.—Over 700 lads and officers drawn from the various companies of the London Regiment of the Brigade paraded in Devonshire Square on Saturday evening last under the command of Colonel E. Montefiore (Acting-Commandant of the Brigade) assisted by Captain Cecil Sebag-Montefiore (Brigade Chief Staff Officer), and from there marched to the hall of the Bishopsgate Institute, which had been very kindly lent at short notice for the occasion, the first time it had been used for a service. The lectern upon the platform, which was occupied by the Rev. Francis L. Cohen, who conducted the service, and the Rev. Julius A. Gouldstein, had been tastefully decorated by Mrs. Francis L. Cohen with the Union Jack and purple

encompassing a portrait of the late Queen. The details of the service were as drawn up by the Chief Rabbi for the Synagogues; the prelude played by the Rev. Francis L. Cohen on an organ supplied by Messrs. Moore and Moore consisted of the "Memorial of the Departed. The choir consisted of a detachment from the South London Company of the Brigade. The Rev. Francis L. Cohen (Brigade Chaplain), delivered a discourse eulogising the goodly actions of Queen Victoria. He based his remarks upon Ecclesiastes v., "Sweet is the sleep of the worker, be it much or little he eat." The service concluded with Mendelssohn's funeral march, excellently rendered by the Brigade Chaplain. The following Companies of the Brigade attended the Service:—The Free School, Brady Street, Chicksand Street, Hanbury and Deal Street, Old Castle Street, Berners Street, Gravel Lane and Swan Street, Bow, Stepney, South London, North London, Jews' Orphan Asylum, Norwood "Old Boys," and the Bearer Company. The success of the service was in a large measure due to the untiring energy and zeal of Captain Julian S. Marks of the Free School Company.

West End Hebrew and Religion Classes.—The Synagogue in Green's Court, Golden Square, was crowded on Saturday evening. The preacher was the Rev. H. Jerevitch.

Joel Emanuel's Almshouses.—The inmates of this institution, whose average age exceeds 70 years, attended the Memorial Service held at the synagogue of the Almshouses. In consequence of the exceptional and mournful occasion the Sabbath-Day Service was shorn of some of its usual melody.

Chicksand Street Board School.—The Jewish children attending the Religion Classes at this School sent a wreath (per Mr. Garcia of Covent Garden) in memory of the Queen.

Gloucester House, Kew.—On Monday last, a short Memorial Service was held at Miss Neumegen's School, at which the Rev. Michael Adler, delivered an address.

THE PROVINCES.

ALDERSHOT.

A special service was held at the temporary Synagogue in Barrack Road on Sunday morning, the officiant being the Rev. Francis Cohen, acting Jewish Chaplain to the troops at the Camp.

BANGOR.

The Rev. J. Rosenzweig, conducted the service and delivered a sermon. Among other prominent persons present were the Mayor (Alderman Henry Lewis, J.P.), and Mrs. Lewis, wife of the High Sheriff of Carnarvonshire. The synagogue was suitably draped in black, royal purple and white.

BARROW.

At the Service in this town Mr. J. S. Ruben recited the prayers and Mr. Charles delivered an address. A letter of condolence has been addressed to the King.

BELFAST.

The Rev. J. E. Myers preached at the Memorial Service held in the Great Victoria Street Synagogue, where the congregation included Sir Otto and Lady Jaffé.

BIRMINGHAM.

At the special Memorial Service the building was crowded almost to its fullest capacity. The Service was impressively rendered by the Revs. G. J. Emanuel and J. Fink. The Rev. G. J. Emanuel delivered a sermon, in the course of which he said: Think of her as they might, as Queen, woman, Sovereign, wife, mother, or sister to humbler men and women, they must bow their heads in homage. For sixty-three years she bore the burden of the Crown. He said burden advisedly, for Sovereignty was not to her an invitation to ease, indulgence, pomp, and pleasure, but a call to labour, arduous and exacting. She was a constitutional monarch, who never strove to impress her arbitrary will on the nation, for she governed through her Ministers; but she was far from what some regard as the ideal of a constitutional monarch—a purple-clad occupant of a gilded throne, reigning but not ruling. She took her share with her Ministers in bearing the stress and strain of Government, and not her ablest servants could see more clearly than she what was for the benefit of her millions of subjects. Did her wisdom and energy spring from her love? Truly she loved her country and her people. She mourned in every national sorrow, and watched and prayed at every national crisis, and rejoiced at every national triumph. Here was her greatness, that she was not a Queen shut up in her palace knowing not her subjects and unknown by them, regarding them as one vast undistinguished personality. She knew them and loved them. With the prosperity of each she rejoiced, in the sorrow of each she grieved, and to the help of such as required it she hastened. Tears of sympathy, the sweetest that gushed from human eyes, flowed readily from hers; words of sympathy and encouragement, the most eloquent ever framed, dropped from her lips, and, therefore, they wept for her and from their hearts proclaimed her praise. She had gone, full of years and of honours, to a better world. They were not, however, wholly bereaved. Her memory and example remained, and her memory would always be cherished, and her example remained for them to follow. The members of the Birmingham Company of the Jewish Lads' Brigade attended the service.

During the past week there has been placed outside the Jewish Working Men's Club, under the flag at half-past, a draped portrait of Her Majesty. Surmounting the portrait is a "Mogen Dovid," and on either side the Hebrew equivalents of V.R. Among the wreaths placed at the foot of the Queen's statue in Victoria Square, is one fashioned as a "Mogen Dovid."

BLACKBURN.

The Rev. A. Newman delivered an address at the Memorial Service held at the Blackburn Synagogue, pointing out that as Jews we have more reason than any other section of her late Majesty's subjects to give full vent to our profound grief and sorrow. Mr. S. Sacks, Warden, has forwarded on behalf of the congregation a message of condolence to the King and Royal Family.

BLACKPOOL.

At the synagogue in Springfield Road the Ark and some of the electric lamps were draped in mourning. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Weinberg, who also gave a short sermon.

BRADFORD.

The Synagogue of British and Foreign Jews in Bowland Street was effectively draped for the Memorial Service, at which the Mayor was present. Instrumental music and the singing of Psalms in Hebrew and English largely entered into the order of service. The Rev. Dr. Strauss in the course of his sermon, founded on Proverbs xxxi, 31, remarked that although the Queen was dead, her great example would be continued by her son and successor, King Edward VII. The earthly crown had passed, but the heavenly crown endured. As in the beautiful Germanic Saga, the monarch was only asleep in body, but her great heart, mind, and spirit would be handed down to posterity by her illustrious son.

At the Houghton Place (Orthodox) Synagogue the Rev. H. Cohen offictated and the Rev. J. B. Menkin delivered the sermon.

BRIGHTON.

Many Christians were present at the Memorial Service in the Synagogue, which was draped in white satin, purple and black. The Rev. A. C. Jacobs and the Rev. Mr. Levinson officiated. In the course of his sermon Mr. Jacobs said that many sovereigns had risen to an occasion, some had displayed great courage in the hour of trial, others had shown a marvellous aptitude for warlike proclivities; others, again, had shone in the domain of diplomacy, but the one who had passed away in the fulness of years would be remembered for the great, kind, and noble sentiments prompted by her good heart. The preacher touched on the great love of true freedom and religious toleration that had developed under the Queen's sway, which had made the civilised world acknowledge that the liberty Britain was so proud of was not a sham, but solid, true, and real. Religious liberty and freedom of conscience was accorded to all. After the sermon the minister recited in English Psalm xxiii., finishing up with בלע המות in Hebrew, to afford an opportunity of Kaddish for the late Queen.

BRISTOL.

The Memorial Service was conducted by the Rev. J. Abelson, who also preached the sermon. Among the large congregation assembled was a portion of the Engineer Cadets of Clifton College, the pupils of the Rev. J. Polack's "house" in connection with the College. The Cadets wore full uniform.

BRYNMAWR.

A Memorial Service was held on Thursday week in the room used temporarily as a synagogue. The Rev. B. N. Michelson, B.A. (Visiting Minister), officiated and preached a sermon.

CARDIFF.

The Rev. P. Wolfers, in the course of his sermon on Saturday evening, said: Looking back into the past, up and down the great array of monarchs, we cannot find one among them all who was so completely endeared to her people as was our Queen. She became the life of the nation, and to imagine the English folk without their well-beloved Queen among them was almost an impossibility. The people loved her with an intense love that was founded on a knowledge of her goodness of heart, on her characteristics and on her ways generally, and she in return loved her people. Her heart overflowed in pity for those in distress. Charitable in word and deed, it was ever her constant desire to prove herself sympathetic and devoted to the welfare of her subjects. So great a loss as we have suffered in Victoria's death shall not easily be forgotten, such a gap as has now been made shall not easily be filled. We shall know our Queen no more. The pride of Englishmen all the world over, the example of all that was good, true, womanly and dignified, has given up her life, and her soul is with her Maker.

Immediately on the death of the Queen becoming known, the Wardens of the Cathedral Road Synagogue wired their condolences with expressions of deep sympathy and looalty to His Majesty King Edward. A gracious reply has been received.

CHATHAM.

The special service was attended by many Christians. The prayers were read by the Rev. M. Isaacs.

CHELTENHAM.

A Memorial Service, conducted by Mr. I. Nestor-Schnurmann of Cheltenham College, was held at the synagogue. The appropriate sermon, "The Passing of our Queen," which he read to the congregants, was by Mr. Alfred S. Adler, son of the Chief Rabbi.

CHESTER:

The Rev. Mr. Trotsky officiated at the Synagogue in White Friars, and delivered a sermon.

CORK.

At the Synagogue, East Ville, the Rev. E. Bloom read the prayers, and the Rev. M. Bookman preached.

DERBY.

The Rev. A. Littenberg officiated at the Memorial Service.

DUBLIN.

Mr. M. E. Solomons, J.P., delivered a brief address at the Memorial Service in the Adelaide Road Synagogue. Mr. Solomons dwelt on her late Majesty's efforts to promote civil and religious liberty and on the loyalty and devotion of the Jews to the throne. The Rev. Mr. Gavrousky delivered a discourse in Yiddish. The congregation, in the name of the Jews in Dublin, have passed a vote of condolence to the King.

DOVER.

The Rev. I Barnstein conducted the service and delivered a Sermon. He concluded: We have lost a precious, a priceless jewel. The crown has fallen from our heads. We are the losers. As to the lamented and noble Queen Victoria of blessed memory, the King of Kings, the righteous Ruler of the universe will vouchsafe on her the blissfulness granted to the righteous. A crown—a heavenly crown of beatitude will be substituted for the world crown she bore so heroically and so worthily. "God Save the King" was sung at the close of the service.

DUNDEE.

The Rev. S. W. Rosenzweig was the preacher at the Memorial Service.

DURHAM.

A Memorial Service was held at the Synagogue, 11, John Street.

EASTBOURNE.

At the conclusion of the Sabbath, the Rev. L. Canter conducted a Memorial Service at his school, "Springhaven," all his pupils being present. A short address was given by the Rev. Principal.

EDINBURGH.

Mr. M. Isaacs, as President of the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, last week sent a telegram of condolence to the King.

The synagogue in Graham Street was crowded. The Ark, the pulpit, the reading desk, and the screen dividing the sexes were draped with black and purple. The Rev. Mr. Furst, the minister, officiated, and preached a brief sermon from the text: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm xlvi., 10). In his discourse he reminded his hearers that the death of the Queen had penetrated every Jewish family and every Jewish heart, and while their grief was expressed, it must be subdued and sanctified by the exercise of strict devotion. In this country the Jews could mingle with their fellow citizens as equals in constitutional rights, in love of country and devotion to its institutions and laws; Judaism could shine forth without let or hindrance; they could devote themselves to their moral and physical improvement without dread of molestation; they could claim the right of serving the land both in peace and in war. They must continue to be true, faithful, and loyal under the rule of their sovereign Lord King Edward VII. As in ancient days, the King and the people made a covenant with each other, and with God, and erected some everlasting memorial in order that the King and the people should be reminded of what they had pledged themselves to do, so he hoped that when funds were raised by the head of the municipality for the erection of an everlasting memorial of their beloved Queen, the Jews would know where their duty lay, and would not allow their names to be conspicuous by their absence from the list of contributors. Mr. A. L. Reis, who presided over the harmonium, played two funeral marches of Beethoven and Mendelssohn.

The Rev. I. Levene conducted the service at the Dalry Synagogue.

GLASGOW.

At a meeting of the members of the Council of the Glasgow Hebrew Benevolent Loan Society, it was unanimously resolved that an address be forwarded to His Majesty the King.

At the South Side Synagogue, Main Street, the service was conducted by

the Revs. I. Bridge and A. Cantor, and the pulpit was occupied alternately by the Revs. A. Orliansky and A. Thyne.

At a regular meeting of the members of Lodge Montefiore, No. 753, held on Monday last, the R.W. Master, Bro. J. Kramrisch, intimated that on behalf of the Lodge he had forwarded an address of condolence to the Grand Master of the English Constitution, King Edward VII., an intimation which received the unanimous approval of the brethren.

At a special Council meeting of the B'nei Zion, Glasgow, held on Sunday, Mr. J. Kramrisch, President of the society, moved a resolution expressing profound sorrow at the death of the Queen.

The Rev. I. Levine officiated at the Memorial Service in the Garnethill Synagogue, and the Rev. E. P. Phillips preached. In the course of his sermon he said that the late Queen was wise, tactful and tolerant. Her heart was wholly with her people. She lived for them, and gave of the very best in her to secure their happiness, their progress and their prosperity. She identified herself with their joys and sorrows, and always said and did the right word and the right thing at she right moment. All her subjects were to her as the members of one huge family, of which she was the mother. She knew no distinction of creed or distinction of race and colour, but recognised and honoured the good in whomsoever she found it.

GRAVESEND.

The Memorial Service was held in the synagogue of Tivoli House School. The synagogue was draped in crêpe, relieved with purple. Over the ark was a wreath of laurels, which surmounted a painting on ivory of the late Queen. The prayer formerly said for Her late Majesty was entirely draped in black and purple, and on it was suspended a huge silver V.

GRIMSBY.

The Rev. B. H. Rosengard and the Rev. J. Glushak officiated at the Memorial Service. Mr. Rosengard preached the sermon, taking his text from I. Kings, chapter 2.

HANLEY.

At the Synagogue in Hanover Street, the Rev. J. S. Levy conducted the service, at the conclusion of which the Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. Riche, read the telegram of condolence which had been sent to the King, and His Majesty's reply.

HULL.

The Rev. S. Chassin read the service and the Rev. Jacob Myers preached at the Central Synagogue.

The Rev. I. A. Levy officiated at the Synagogue, Robinson Row, and preached a sermon.

LEEDS.

At the Belgrave Street Synagogue the Rev. S. Diamond officiated, and the Rev. M. Abrahams, B.A., preached. He dilated on the loss the nation had sustained, and said, in conclusion: The good and virtuous Queen laboured to understand how she could best promote the welfare of the Empire—the welfare of mankind at large. The whole world mourns her death sincerely, as all feel they have lost a benefactor. And now she reaps the fruits of her goodly deeds on earth. She sleeps the sleep of the just, her soul has dominion at the dawn of that cloudless morn of eternity of which the inspired Psalmist sings. The sermon was followed by an impressive prayer. Mr. David Davidson, son of the Rev. S. Davidson, presided at the organ, and played the Dead March from "Saul" and Chopin's Funeral March.

The service at the Byron Street Synagogue was conducted by the Rev. M. Cohen, and the Rev. J. L. Herzog preached. The Rev. E. Khan officiated, and the Rev. Mr. Erzog delivered a discourse at the St. John's Place Synagogue, where several Christians were present. A letter of condolence has been sent to the King. The Social Union Friendly Society has sent a telegram of condolence to His Majesty.

The memorial service at the Templar Street Synagogue of the Central Congregation was conducted by the Rev. I. Samuel. Rabbi Shimson delivered a sermon.

LEICESTER.

The Synagogue was suitably draped in black and purple and was filled with a numerous congregation. The Minister, the Rev. M. Cohen, conducted the Service and delivered a discourse. Miss Ethyl Samuel played on the Organ Mendelssohn's Funeral March and the Dead March in "Saul." The congregation has sent an address of condolence to the King.

LIMERICK.

At the Synagogue, 63, Colooney Street, the Rev. M. Levin delivered a discourse taking for his text Lamentations iv., 20.

LIVERPOOL.

The Beth Hamedrash was filled to overflowing on Saturday evening. The Rev. G. Ravinson preached a sermon in Yiddish, and Mr. H. Sol Myers (by special desire of the Executive) delivered an address in English—and also recited in English the whole of the Special Memorial Service—which was intoned in Hebrew by Mr. S. M. Hindin. The white curtain used on the High Festival was re-covered with black silk trimming, and the Ark was tastefully re-decorated for the mournful occasion. A letter of condolence and sympathy has been addressed by Mr. H. Sol Myers to His Majesty the King, conveying the profound sorrow of the members of this congregation on the death of the Queen Victoria, and tendering their respectful congratulations and continued allegiance to the Throne of England.

At a meeting of the Hebrew Tontine Society held on Sunday last, it was proposed by the President, Mr. Fred C. Curlender, seconded by Mr. M. Morris, the Vice-President, and resolved, "That an address be sent (*per* the Secretary, Mr. H. Sol Myers) to the King and other members of the Royal Family."

The service at the Fountain's Road Synagogue, Kirkdale, was conducted by the Rev. E. Lipkin, assisted by the choir, trained by the Rev. B. Schorr.

At the Hope Hall Synagogue the Rev. A. Rutkowski sang *Michtam le David*. The prayers, as arranged by the Chief Rabbi, were recited by the Rev. J. S. Harris, of Princes Road Synagogue, who delivered a Sermon. The Synagogue was handsomely draped in black and purple, forming a striking contrast with the white satin Ark curtain, pulpit and desk coverings.

The service at the Princes Road Synagogue consisted of the Memorial Service only, and commenced at six o'clock. The sacred building was draped in purple, black and white. The service was very impressive, the Hebrew portion being conducted by the Rev. H. Burman, assisted by the choir, while the English prayers were rendered by the Rev. S. Friedeberg. Mr. Bertram Benas acted as hon. organist. Mr. Benas played the Dead March in "Saul" at the commencement of the service, the congregation standing, and Chopin's Marche Funèbre at the end of the service. The Synagogue was crowded, a very large number of Christians being present, and many persons were much affected. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. S. Friedeberg, B.A., who took as his text Zechariah xii., 12, "And the land shall mourn, every family apart." He said the words vividly portrayed the depth of a nation's heartfelt sorrow. "Every family apart," that is, every family for its own sake, every family as though it had suffered a bereavement in its own midst. This accurately described the reality of England's grief for its great and good Queen. Every family felt itself the poorer because her living example had been withdrawn, every citizen knew the State was weaker because her great mind, her ripe wisdom, her unerring judgment, had ceased to act for the country's good.

MANCHESTER:

There was a large attendance of worshippers at the Great Synagogue, Manchester, when the Memorial Service for the late Queen was held on Saturday evening last. The pulpit was draped in purple and crape, relieved slightly by white silk fastenings, and the reading desk and candelabras were similarly treated. In an eloquent sermon which was attentively listened to by an earnest congregation, the Rev. Dr. Salomon, B.A., alluded to the sad event as follows: "Behold to-day a palace in mourning, a nation in tears as the mortal remains of our august sovereign are laid beside him who has ere this awakened out of the summer night's dream of earthly life and will greet her in the bright spring of Eternity. To-day we do reverence to one whose name is destined to live and to be uttered in the ends of the earth with grateful admiration as long as the earth shall endure. To-day we will remember with loving pride how this fair, good and noble Queen conscientiously performed her duties, how she constantly and consistently worked for the fulfilment of the beautiful desire, which she uttered on first being informed of her royal destiny, "to be good." Not only in Great Britain, but nearly over the whole world, on this day when her mortal remains are laid to rest, from all places of worship, from synagogues and chevras, from temples, mosques and pagodas, one sigh is heard, one exclamation is raised to heaven, "The crown of our head is fallen."

Simple in character, yet deeply impressive, was the Memorial Service at the Park Place Synagogue (Congregation of British Jews). The service opened with the rendering of Chopin's "Marche Funèbre," on the organ, by Mr. T. R. Buckton. Psalm xc. was next recited, at first in Hebrew by Mr. M. H. Valentine and then in English by the Rev. A. Wolf, M.A., who afterwards delivered an impressive address appropriate to the occasion. In his sermon the Rev. A Wolf referred to the many noble qualities possessed by the departed Sovereign.

At the Memorial Service in the South Manchester Synagogue, the Rev. I. Simon delivered the sermon, taking his text, Gen. xxiii., 2, "And Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her." He closed his address with an appeal for the hospitals. The preacher hoped that they would evince their loyalty by subscribing towards the object he pleaded for, in loving and affectionate memory of the noblest of women, the Queen-Empress Victoria.

At the North Manchester Synagogue there was a large attendance in spite of the inclemency of the weather. Prayers were said by the Rev. J. Cantor, who officiated, with the choir, and a sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. H. Valentine.

At the Central Synagogue the service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Boyarski, with the assistance of the choir, and the sermon was preached by Rabbi Israel Yoffey. A telegram of condolence was despatched to the King.

At the Beth Aaron Synagogue and Beth Hamidrash the service was conducted by the Rev. M. Sheller. Rabbi M. B. Dagutsky delivered an address. The congregation sent a telegram to the King.

A Memorial Service was held at the Manchester Talmud Torah School on Sunday last. The Head Master (Mr. M. Majeran), delivered an address. The children sang the National Anthem.

At the Harris Street Synagogue the Memorial Service was delivered by Rabbi Rifkin (of Kovno). The Rev. M. Kantor conducted the service.

The Memorial Service at the Kourland Synagogue was conducted by the Rev. B. Lipkin, and the sermon was preached by Rabbi J. Gordon.

The Committee of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue have passed a resolution of condolence with the King. They also tendered thanks to the Ladies' Society for the creditable manner in which they draped the synagogue for the Memorial Service.

The Rev. Mr. Matz officiated and Rabbi Yudelovitch delivered a discourse at the New Synagogue and Beth Hamedrash. The Chief Rabbi's prayer was read in English by Mr. J. Raffalovich.

On Saturday evening last a large congregation assembled at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue for the Memorial Service. The ark, pulpit and reading desk were draped in black. The service was identical with that arranged by the Haham Dr. Gaster. The Rev. J. H. Valentine, who preached, prayed that the universal Father might receive the soul of their dearly-beloved and gracious Queen into the realms of everlasting bliss. They prayed that the new King and Queen and the rest of the members of the Royal Household who mourned in bitterness might receive Divine consolation in their hour of woe. They prayed for the continued prosperity of this mighty Empire, where all enjoyed the blessings of righteous government; and that the King who now sat upon the throne of his illustrious ancestors might be animated by noble aspirations, by the love of glory, the love of peace.

At the Hightown Synagogue the Rev. Mr. Myers, of Sludsk, delivered a discourse.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

A Memorial Service conducted by the Rev. M. E. Davis, who delivered a Sermon, was held last Saturday evening. The Synagogue was very largely attended by Christians as well as Jews.

NEWPORT (Mon.)

The Mayor and other prominent townsmen attended the service which was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Levy. The Rev. B. N. Michelson, B.A., delivered the Sermon. They might rest assured, he said that every good deed of the late Queen was an Angel, which pleaded for her at the throne of God. She could assuredly have said: "I have set the Lord ever before me." The National Anthem was sung. Mr. S. Bloom presided at the Organ.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

The service at the synagogue in Leazes Road has been described in the local press as probably the most impressive service in the district. The synagogue was effectively draped, wreaths of laurel leaves also forming part of the decorations. The service was conducted by the Revs. M. Rosenbaum and D. Goldsmidt, assisted by a choir conducted by Mr. D. Hornstein. Mr. Rosenbaum, in the course of his sermon, said that no monarch had been so honoured in death as had been England's Queen, and this was owing not to the fact alone that the rulers of most of the civilised countries were more or less closely related to her, but it was more a tribute to a good woman than to a powerful monarch.

Rabbi Sandelson conducted the service and delivered a discourse at the Beth Hamidrash.

NOTTINGHAM.

There was a very large assembly, including many non-Jews, among them being the Mayor and Sheriff of Nottingham, who occupied seats in the Wardens' box. The introductory Psalm and concluding hymn were sung by the Rev. S. Schloss, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Harris Cohen, who took as his text Psalm xlv., 7, "Thou hast loved righteousness and hated wickedness, therefore God thy God hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." No more appropriate epitaph, said Mr. Cohen, no better words could be selected to convey the principle that guided Her Majesty's illustrious life, with its natural consequences, than these words of the Psalmist. She loved righteousness and hated wickedness, therefore God blessed her, and the land over which she reigned, with an exceedingly great blessing.

OXFORD.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Mr. H. D. Davis, of Balliol College, the address being given by the President, Councillor Zacharias, who took as

his text, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people saith your God." Isaiah xl., 1.

PLYMOUTH.

The Rev. J. Posner officiated and the Rev. Dr. Berlin preached the sermon.

PONTYPRIDD.

The Memorial Service was read by the Rev. M. D. Hershman.

PRESTON.

The place of worship of the Preston Jews was appropriately draped. Allusion was made during the service to the many great privileges and honours enjoyed by the Jews during the reign of her Majesty.

PORTSMOUTH.

The synagogue was draped in black cloth. The veil and reading-desk and the mantles of the Scroll were of white satin. The Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman A. L. Emanuel and Mrs. Emanuel) and Mr. Harold Pink, J.P., ex-Mayor, were present officially, and were received by the ministers, the Revs. Isaac Phillips, D. Wolfish and I. S. Meisels, Principal of Aria College, and Mr. Montague Hart, ex-Warden. Mr. B. Lyons, the Treasurer, was prevented attending through indisposition. The synagogue was crowded, and many Christians were present to witness the solemn but impressive service. The Rev. Isaac Phillips read the entire service in a reverential and solemn manner, avoiding all chanting. The prayer of the Chief Rabbi was read in Hebrew and English, also the Prayer for the Royal Family. The sermon was preached by the Rev. I. S. Meisels.

RAMSGATE.

The Memorial Service at the Ramsgate Synagogue, which was largely attended, was a solemn and impressive function. The Rev. G. S. Belasco based his address on Prov. xxxi, 31. Among the congregation were a number of Christian visitors.

READING.

For the Memorial Service the synagogue was handsomely draped with materials of sombre colour suited to the occasion. A large number of Christians were present. The sermon was delivered by Mr. M. Simon, B.A., of Jews' College.

RHYL.

The Service was held in the Victoria Hall, High Street, which was gratuitously placed at the disposal of the congregation by Mr. J. S. Greenhalgh, J.P., Chairman of the Urban District Council, who was present with other members of the body. Mr. M. Rosenburg, Head Master of the Liverpool Jewish Schools, officiated and delivered a discourse. The congregation sent a telegram of condolence to the King.

SHEFFIELD.

The Rev. Mr. Klein read service at the North Church Street Synagogue, and the Rev. H. Chaikin preached in English and Yiddish. A telegram of condolence has been sent to the King.

SOUTHPORT.

Many Christians were present at the Service, which was conducted by the Rev. N. Blaser, assisted by the choir. Mr. Blaser also preached.

STROUD.

The Memorial Service was attended by many Christians, including a member of Parliament, clergymen and town councillors, all of whom were much impressed by the touching service. The synagogue was draped in black and white. The sermon was delivered by Mr. H. Snowman, B.A., of Jews' College. The choir was trained and led by the Rev. N. Speakmaster.

SUNDERLAND.

The Rev. L. Muscat officiated, and the Rev. Z. Lawrence preached from Psalms xlv., 7. A number of Christians were present.

STOCKTON.

At the Memorial Service the Rev. B. Cohen delivered a sermon.

SWANSEA.

The Memorial Service was conducted by the Rev. I. Miron. The Rev. S. Fyne delivered the sermon.

TREDEGAR.

The Rev. Mr. Levene, assisted by Miss Bella Rosenbaum and Miss Sophia Wolfson carried out the draping of the synagogue. The Rev. J. Levin conducted the services and the Rev. B. N. Michelson, of Newport, preached. The service was held on Thursday week.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

The Mayor and other prominent Christians attended the service, at which the Rev. H. Levy preached the sermon.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

The Rev. J. Levi conducted the service and M. Bensky, of Jews' College, delivered a sermon.

WREXHAM.

The order of prayers was conducted at the synagogue, in Bradley Road, by the Rev. L. Abrahamson, who also delivered a discourse. Several Christians were present.

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The January number of the *Jewish Quarterly Review* is more readable but not less learned than most of its more recent predecessors, and it is particularly gratifying to note that the English contributors are mainly responsible for this improvement.

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Dr. H. Hirschfeld opens a new line of investigation in his "Mohammedan Criticism of the Bible." There is much written in Arabic which can help our understanding of Hebrew literature, and Dr. Hirschfeld's sound knowledge of Arabic makes him peculiarly fitted for the work he has so auspiciously commenced.

Professor Schechter publishes another Geniza specimen, in the shape of a manuscript, dated 1082, which consists of a marriage settlement between the Rabbanite, David Hannasi, the son of Daniel Hannasi, and the Karaite bride, Nasia, the daughter of R. Moses, the son of Aaron, the priest. The document is particularly interesting as being an official proof of occasional intermarriages between different Jewish sects and the conditions under which such marriages were allowed to take place.

In "An Aspect of Judaism in 1901" Miss Nina Davis descends from the heights of Parnassus to the more level ways of prose, and shows that she can think deeply and soundly on religious problems as well as make skilful translations of the Jewish liturgy.

Mr. H. S. Q. Henriques continues his valuable article on "The Jews and the English Law," which confirms the favourable opinion formed of his work when the first part appeared in the last number of the *Review*.

Mr. Israel Zangwill must be added to those who have essayed to render Adon Olam into English verse. Although no indication is given of the fact, the chief merit of Mr. Zangwill's translation is that it is a splendid attempt to retain in English the metre of the Hebrew, with the result that the English can be sung to the same tune as the Hebrew without any unnatural break of words or distortion of phrases.

Professor Steinschneider seems involuntarily to have caught the contagion of readableness, and the section in his "Introduction to the Arabic Literature of the Jews" on "Personal Intercourse between Jews and Arabs" presents many points of interest.

Mr. F. C. Conybeare completes his Collation of the Vatican Septuagint Codex of the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs; and some critical miscellanea in French and German conclude the first number of the *Jewish Quarterly Review* in the Twentieth Century.

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Jewish Lying-in-Charity Society.—The annual general meeting of this society was held at the Great Garden Street Talmud Torah Classes on Saturday evening. There was a very large attendance of members and subscribers. The Rev. Susman Cohen, Dayan, who occupied the chair, referred to the loss that all sections of the community have sustained by the lamented death of our aged and venerable Queen, who was a mother to her people, irrespective of race or creed, and proposed a vote of condolence to the Royal Family, which was carried unanimously, all present rising. Mrs. Letowitch, the President, made an earnest appeal for increased support, and pointed out her personal experience of distressing cases she had visited, and the amount of good the society was doing to the poor in the East End. The Rev. Chairman then eloquently appealed to those present to use their valuable influence amongst their friends on behalf of this most deserving charity, and as a result many members doubled their subscriptions. The balance sheet, which showed an income of £169, and an expenditure of £159 (440 applicants having been relieved), was read by the Secretary and adopted. The following were elected: President, Mrs. I. Letowitch; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Herman; Treasurer, Mrs. Del Monte; Trustees, Mrs. Guttenberg and Mrs. Esterson; Committee, Mesdames S. Cohen, Loubliner, Brill, Davis, Templinsky, Goldberg, Epstein, Mantle, Levy, Soloman, Samuel, Kalisky and Freedman. Votes of thanks were passed to the rev. chairman, the outgoing officers, auditors, investigating officers, and to the collector, Mr. Hand.

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COLONIAL AND FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

The Alliance Israélite Universelle, through its Secretary, M. Jacques Bigart, has sent a vigorous letter to M. Lasies, the Deputy, defending that society against the calumnies to which he gave utterance from the tribune of the Chamber, and which have also been refuted in the letter of Grand Rabbin Zadoc Kahn, printed in our last issue. M. Bigart points out that the work of the Alliance is so far from being exclusive, that it always has found valuable support from the Ministers and Consuls of France in the East and in Africa, and that it has numbered among its members men who were outside the pale of Judaism, such as Gambetta, Jules Simon and Alexandre Dumas fils.

A brilliant wedding was solemnised on Sunday week, at the synagogue in the Rue de la Victoire, Paris, the happy pair being members of two of the foremost Jewish families. The bridegroom was M. Jacques de Poliakoff, son of M. Lazare de Poliakoff, the distinguished financier, who resides at Moscow, and the bride was Mdlle. Claire Brodsky, daughter of M. Léon Brodsky, the well-known philanthropist, of Kief. The élite of Paris Society were present in the synagogue, among them Prince Ouroussoff, Russian Ambassador, and Princess Demidoff.

GERMANY.

The Empress has conferred the Silver Cross of Merit for Women on the wife of Kommerzienrath Loewe, of Berlin.

The Berlin Academy of Sciences has voted 4,500 marks from a trust fund to Professor Dr. Alfred Philippsohn, of Bonn, for geographical and geological explorations in Asia Minor. Professor Philippsohn has also been honoured by the King of Greece with the knighthood of the Order of the Saviour.

HOLLAND.

A special Order of Service, consisting mainly of Psalms 100, 21, and 61, and a prayer, has been drawn up by the Chief Rabbis of the Jewish Consistories in Holland, and will be performed to-morrow in all the many synagogues throughout the kingdom in celebration of the Queen's marriage. Holland is now the only country in the world where the form of הנותן תשועה (Prayer for the Queen and Royal Family) with which the Jews in England were so familiar for over sixty years, can be used.

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The promoters of the proposed new Club for Jewish boys in Commercial Road will have an admirable example to follow in the West Central Jewish Working Lads' Club, Fitzroy Square, the third annual report of which has just been issued in preparation for the annual meeting next Sunday. The entire report gives evidence of a healthy and sustained interest in the administration of the Club, as well as of direct personal activity on the part of the general committee. The most important event in the year has been the opening of the New Club premises at No. 38, Fitzroy Square. These premises, it will be well remembered, were purchased by Mrs. Nathaniel Montefiore and lent by her to the Club free of rent. This generous action, taken at a time when the Committee had been baffled in their search for a new habitation, has been commemorated, at the suggestion of some of the boys, by the putting up of a brass plate in the gymnasium, and is gratefully placed on record in the present report. The new home has naturally brought a number of advantages with it, among them being the enlarged gymnasium, which was so badly needed. In every direction the Club shows distinct progress. Its membership has "very considerably increased" in the new premises; and the regular nightly attendance has followed suit, being on the average between 70 and 80, and frequently reaching 120. All the various departments of the Club, too, show a healthy activity—the intellectual department (including the library, debating club, literary lectures and French classes), the social side (with its dramatic society and concerts) and the athletic branch, with its swimming, drilling, tournaments, cricket, billiards and football. The loss of the services of Mr. H. M. Schloss is noted as a gentleman who was a valuable member of the Committee from the inception of the Club; while an earnest appeal is made for gentlemen who can spare one evening a week or a fortnight to come down and give their assistance as "managers of the evening." The finances of the Club leave something to be desired. Special funds, we are told, were raised to meet the expenses involved in the provision of new premises, and on this account there is a deficiency which has been made good from the general account, leaving a slight deficit in the latter. There are, in addition to this deficit, some bills to be paid in respect of the past year, which the Treasurer has not yet received. The position, it will be seen, is not, therefore, everything that can be wished. A club with a record like that the Fitzroy Square institution can show is, assuredly, not one which should be left to languish by the kindly-disposed among us.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES.

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Revision of the Laws.

A resolution passed by the Yehidim in April last, requesting the Elders to take measures for the purpose of framing a new Book of Escamot up to date, was referred by the Mahamad to the consideration of the Elders.

Mr. Joseph de Castro stated that the Yehidim had been prompted to pass the resolution in view of the fact that many alterations and additions had been made to the Escamot which were unrecorded in the old Law Books of which most of the Yehidim were in possession. In his opinion, however, the time had arrived when the whole constitution of the congregation should be revised, and many of the regulations which time had rendered obsolete, should be removed.

At the instance of Mr. Gabriel Lindo it was resolved that a Special Committee consisting of five Elders should be appointed to revise the present Book of Escamot in such a manner as they may deem expedient, such revised work when complete to be submitted to the Elders for approval.

Messrs. J. de Castro, J. M. Levy, Eustace A. Lindo, I. Genese, and Edmund Sebag Montefiore were elected to serve on the Committee.

The business on the agenda being unfinished the meeting was adjourned until next Sunday morning.

Election of Deputy.

A meeting of the Yehidim was held yesterday week at the Vestry Room, Heneage Lane, to elect a representative of the synagogue to the Board of Deputies, in the place of the late Mr. Abraham Mocatta, to whose family a vote of condolence was passed on the motion of Mr. A. Lindo Henry, seconded by Mr. Edmund Sebag Montefiore. Two candidates were nominated, viz., Mr. J. de Castro by Mr. Daniel de Pass and Mr. Isaac Mendes, and Mr. A. Lindo Henry by Mr. Joshua M. Levy and Mr. F. D. Mocatta. The Chairman (Mr. Eustace A. Lindo) accordingly announced that under the laws of the congregation a ballot was necessary. The ballot was held yesterday. Mr. J. de Castro was elected by a majority of 59; the Poll being declared as follows:—

Mr. J. de Castro	107.
Mr. A. Lindo Henry	48.

The Jewish Quarterly Review.

The January number of the *Jewish Quarterly Review* is more readable but not less learned than most of its more recent predecessors, and it is particularly gratifying to note that the English contributors are mainly responsible for this improvement.

Mr. C. G. Montefiore leads off with the full text of his address delivered before the St. Paul Association last November, on "Rabbinic Judaism and the Epistles of St. Paul." The major portion of this article is devoted to a removal of the many misconceptions that exist in the minds of Christian theologians as to Jewish life under the Law. This is a task which has been so ably performed before, and by Mr. Montefiore himself among others, that it might appear the effort was misguided and was but the flogging of a dead horse. But the horse is still alive, and has a preternaturally thick skin seemingly impervious to the lash of criticism. Judging by the past it is too much to hope that Mr. Montefiore has dealt the final blow at the prejudices begotten of ignorance of first sources, and there is not a little humour in Mr. Montefiore's advice to Christian students to read the "cribs" of Talmud and Midrash in French and German if they are unable to examine for themselves the data in the original.

"If certain distinguished scholars would make a more frequent, prolonged, and impartial use of these humble but useful 'cribs,' they would, I think, make fewer mistakes about the Rabbinical religion than, unfortunately, is now the case." (p. 163.)

Mr. Montefiore's cross-bench mind enables him to recognise the greatness and the truth in the religious teaching of Paul just as much as he appreciates the greatness and the truth in the religious teaching of the Rabbis, and he is as emphatic on the limitations, dangers and shortcomings of Rabbinism as he is forcible in exposing the limitations, dangers and shortcomings in the doctrines of Paul. On the whole, Mr. Montefiore gives full references for his quotations from Talmud and Midrash, but the Jewish student occasionally feels impelled to "ask for more." For instance, on p. 201, Mr. Montefiore give some fresh passages on "Repentance," which he has unearthed, but to which he supplies no note, and it is a roundabout way to have to look up Weber's "Jüdische Theologie," p. 233, to discover that the following sayings are taken from Succah, 52a: "At first the *Yetzer Ha-ra* is as weak as a spider's web, but at last he is as strong as a ship's rope. At first he is but a wandering guest, at last he is the master of the house" (p. 197). Mr. Montefiore's article occupies nearly one-third of the space of the whole of the present number of the *Review*, but it will repay close reading, possessing the directness of style and fearlessness of thought which we have come to associate with his treatment of every question with which he deals.

Dr. H. Hirschfeld opens a new line of investigation in his "Mohammedan Criticism of the Bible." There is much written in Arabic which can help our understanding of Hebrew literature, and Dr. Hirschfeld's sound knowledge of Arabic makes him peculiarly fitted for the work he has so auspiciously commenced.

Professor Schechter publishes another Geniza specimen, in the shape of a manuscript, dated 1082, which consists of a marriage settlement between the Rabbanite, David Hannasi, the son of Daniel Hannasi, and the Karaite bride, Nasia, the daughter of R. Moses, the son of Aaron, the priest. The document is particularly interesting as being an official proof of occasional intermarriages between different Jewish sects and the conditions under which such marriages were allowed to take place.

In "An Aspect of Judaism in 1901" Miss Nina Davis descends from the heights of Parnassus to the more level ways of prose, and shows that she can think deeply and soundly on religious problems as well as make skilful translations of the Jewish liturgy.

Mr. H. S. Q. Henriques continues his valuable article on "The Jews and the English Law," which confirms the favourable opinion formed of his work when the first part appeared in the last number of the *Review*.

Mr. Israel Zangwill must be added to those who have essayed to render Adon Olam into English verse. Although no indication is given of the fact, the chief merit of Mr. Zangwill's translation is that it is a splendid attempt to retain in English the metre of the Hebrew, with the result that the English can be sung to the same tune as the Hebrew without any unnatural break of words or distortion of phrases.

Professor Steinschneider seems involuntarily to have caught the contagion of readableness, and the section in his "Introduction to the Arabic Literature of the Jews" on "Personal Intercourse between Jews and Arabs" presents many points of interest.

Mr. F. C. Conybeare completes his Collation of the Vatican Septuagint Codex of the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs; and some critical miscellanea in French and German conclude the first number of the *Jewish Quarterly Review* in the Twentieth Century.

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Jewish Lying-in-Charity Society.—The annual general meeting of this society was held at the Great Garden Street Talmud Torah Classes on Saturday evening. There was a very large attendance of members and subscribers. The Rev. Susman Cohen, Dayan, who occupied the chair, referred to the loss that all sections of the community have sustained by the lamented death of our aged and venerable Queen, who was a mother to her people, irrespective of race or creed, and proposed a vote of condolence to the Royal Family, which was carried unanimously, all present rising. Mrs. Letowitch, the President, made an earnest appeal for increased support, and pointed out her personal experience of distressing cases she had visited, and the amount of good the society was doing to the poor in the East End. The Rev. Chairman then eloquently appealed to those present to use their valuable influence amongst their friends on behalf of this most deserving charity, and as a result many members doubled their subscriptions. The balance sheet, which showed an income of £169, and an expenditure of £159 (440 applicants having been relieved), was read by the Secretary and adopted. The following were elected: President, Mrs. I. Letowitch; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Herman; Treasurer, Mrs. Del Monte; Trustees, Mrs. Guttenberg and Mrs. Esterson; Committee, Mesdames S. Cohen, Loubliner, Brill, Davis, Templinsky, Goldberg, Epstein, Mantle, Levy, Soloman, Samuel, Kalisky and Freedman. Votes of thanks were passed to the rev. chairman, the outgoing officers, auditors, investigating officers, and to the collector, Mr. Hand.

Throat Affection and Hoarseness.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous lozenges are now sold by most respectable chemists in this country at 1s. 1½d. per box. People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold" or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious Pulmonary and Asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government stamp around each box. Of all Chemists.—Advt.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment effect wonderful cures of bad legs and old wounds. If these medicines be used according to the directions which are wrapped round each pot and box their is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate, but will yield to their curative properties. Numbers of persons who had been patients in the large hospitals without deriving benefit, have been cured by Holloway's Ointment and Pills, when other remedies had signally failed. For glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy and diseases of the skin there is no medicine that can be used with so good an effect, and though the cure is rapid, it is also complete and permanent.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

The Alliance Israélite Universelle, through its Secretary, M. Jacques Bigart, has sent a vigorous letter to M. Lasies, the Deputy, defending that society against the calumnies to which he gave utterance from the tribune of the Chamber, and which have also been refuted in the letter of Grand Rabbin Zadoc Kahn, printed in our last issue. M. Bigart points out that the work of the Alliance is so far from being exclusive, that it always has found valuable support from the Ministers and Consuls of France in the East and in Africa, and that it has numbered among its members men who were outside the pale of Judaism, such as Gambetta, Jules Simon and Alexandre Dumas fils.

A brilliant wedding was solemnised on Sunday week, at the synagogue in the Rue de la Victoire, Paris, the happy pair being members of two of the foremost Jewish families. The bridegroom was M. Jacques de Poliakoff, son of M. Lazare de Poliakoff, the distinguished financier, who resides at Moscow, and the bride was Mdlle. Claire Brodsky, daughter of M. Léon Brodsky, the well-known philanthropist, of Kief. The élite of Paris Society were present in the synagogue, among them Prince Ouroussoff, Russian Ambassador, and Princess Demidoff.

GERMANY.

The Empress has conferred the Silver Cross of Merit for Women on the wife of Kommerzienrath Loewe, of Berlin.

The Berlin Academy of Sciences has voted 4,500 marks from a trust fund to Professor Dr. Alfred Philippsohn, of Bonn, for geographical and geological explorations in Asia Minor. Professor Philippsohn has also been honoured by the King of Greece with the knighthood of the Order of the Saviour.

HOLLAND.

A special Order of Service, consisting mainly of Psalms 100, 21, and 61, and a prayer, has been drawn up by the Chief Rabbis of the Jewish Consistories in Holland, and will be performed to-morrow in all the many synagogues throughout the kingdom in celebration of the Queen's marriage. Holland is now the only country in the world where the form of הנותן תשועה (Prayer for the Queen and Royal Family) with which the Jews in England were so familiar for over sixty years, can be used.

West Central Jewish Working Lads' Club.

The promoters of the proposed new Club for Jewish boys in Commercial Road will have an admirable example to follow in the West Central Jewish Working Lads' Club, Fitzroy Square, the third annual report of which has just been issued in preparation for the annual meeting next Sunday. The entire report gives evidence of a healthy and sustained interest in the administration of the Club, as well as of direct personal activity on the part of the general committee. The most important event in the year has been the opening of the New Club premises at No. 38, Fitzroy Square. These premises, it will be well remembered, were purchased by Mrs. Nathaniel Montefiore and lent by her to the Club free of rent. This generous action, taken at a time when the Committee had been baffled in their search for a new habitation, has been commemorated, at the suggestion of some of the boys, by the putting up of a brass plate in the gymnasium, and is gratefully placed on record in the present report. The new home has naturally brought a number of advantages with it, among them being the enlarged gymnasium, which was so badly needed. In every direction the Club shows distinct progress. Its membership has "very considerably increased" in the new premises; and the regular nightly attendance has followed suit, being on the average between 70 and 80, and frequently reaching 120. All the various departments of the Club, too, show a healthy activity—the intellectual department (including the library, debating club, literary lectures and French classes), the social side (with its dramatic society and concerts) and the athletic branch, with its swimming, drilling, tournaments, cricket, billiards and football. The loss of the services of Mr. H. M. Schloss is noted as a gentleman who was a valuable member of the Committee from the inception of the Club; while an earnest appeal is made for gentlemen who can spare one evening a week or a fortnight to come down and give their assistance as "managers of the evening." The finances of the Club leave something to be desired. Special funds, we are told, were raised to meet the expenses involved in the provision of new premises, and on this account there is a deficiency which has been made good from the general account, leaving a slight deficit in the latter. There are, in addition to this deficit, some bills to be paid in respect of the past year, which the Treasurer has not yet received. The position, it will be seen, is not, therefore, everything that can be wished. A club with a record like that the Fitzroy Square institution can show is, assuredly, not one which should be left to languish by the kindly-disposed among us.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES.

Michael Lewis Lyon, son of Mr. W. S. Lyon, Fulham Road, passed the Preliminary Examination of the Surveyors' Institute, held in January.

Marjorie Goldstein, 37, Brondesbury Villas, Kilburn, attending Camden High School, has passed the College of Preceptors' Examination, 2nd Division, 3rd Class.

Miss Lily Joseph, of 7, Aberdare Gardens, West Hampstead, has gained the silver medal for singing, at the recent Examination held at the London Academy of Music.

North London Jewish Literary and Social Union.—On Thursday, the 31st ult., Mr. Sidney Auerbach delivered an address to the members of the Union on "Commercial Morality." Mr. Hermann Loewi presided. Mr. Auerbach dealt with several phases of his subject, and called attention, among other matters, to the evils of property-dealing, under certain circumstances, and money-lending. He also did not spare those guilty of accepting secret commissions, and commercial men who make it a practice to appropriate the ideas of other people. A spirited and at times amusing discussion ensued, in which Messrs. S. Wallach, A. Kahn, S. Gelberg, O. Loewi and A. Josaphat took part. The debate was wound up by the Chairman, and, after a reply by Mr. Auerbach, the meeting terminated.

EPPS'S THE MOST NUTRITIOUS GRATEFUL. COMFORTING. COCOA

MANCHESTER ITEMS.

Preaching on Sabbath morning last, at the Park Place Synagogue, the Rev. A. Wolf briefly referred to his recent election as minister of the congregation, which he valued as a proud distinction, though he would prefer to reserve his remarks on the subject until he was formally installed. That being the Sabbath day, on which mourning was prohibited, he would but briefly allude to the death of their beloved Sovereign, especially as he was to speak on the topic later in the day. No doubt her successor, King Edward VII., would follow in the footsteps of his august predecessor, whose loss they all mourned. Mr. Wolf concluded his discourse by impressively reciting in English the 72nd Psalm from the pulpit as being applicable to the occasion.

Amongst the leading citizens of Manchester and representatives of public bodies who were invited to be present at the Memorial Service held at the Manchester Cathedral were :—Councillor Dr. Charles Dreyfus (City Council), Mr. A. J. Bles (Netherlands Consulate), Mr. W. Beer (Paraguay Consulate), Professors Alexander and P. J. Hartog, B.Sc. (Owens College), Mr. N. Laski (Manchester Hebrew Congregation) and Mr. M. S. Bles, J.P.

The ball in aid of the funds of the Manchester Battalion Jewish Lads' Brigade will be held at the Manchester Assembly Rooms on Wednesday, the 17th April, and not on the preceding day as previously announced.

Councillor Isidor Frankenburg, J.P., who has been for many years a member of the Salford Town Council, was elevated to the Aldermanic Bench of the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday week last. Alderman Frankenburg is a valued member of the Technical Instruction and Watch Committee of the Salford Corporation. He is also the President of the Manchester Jewish Board of Guardians. A sketch of his career, with portrait, appeared in the *Jewish Chronicle* of December 18th, 1899.

The annual general meeting of the Hebra Gemilut Hassadim, in connection with the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, was held on Sunday, Mr. David S. Garson in the Chair. Mr. Garson, in moving the adoption of the report, pointed out that several improvements had taken place during the first year of the existence of the Hebra. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Lisbona, seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. D. S. Garson; Vice-President, Mr. M. Lisbona; Treasurer, Mr. M. Florentin; Chiefs, Messrs. M. Farache and M. Lisbona; Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. S. Mattatia and A. S. Garson.

At the February Monthly Meeting of the Jewish Board of Guardians (Mr. I. Frankenburg, J.P., in the chair), before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the Board resolved unanimously to send a letter of condolence to His Majesty King Edward, on the death of our beloved Queen, and an expression of their loyalty and devotion to his person and crown. It was reported that during the month of January 140 cases were relieved at a cost of £113 6s. 6d. against 112 cases at a cost of £88 7s. 7d. in January 1900. Fifty-three loans for £379 were granted as against forty-three for £308. Fifty home cases were treated by the Medical Officer, who made 172 visits. Three deaths occurred, viz.:—Man, 30, phthisis; woman, 19, phthisis; child, 2, rickets and bronchitis. One case of scarlet fever was removed to hospital.

Manchester Jewish Board of Guardians.

PRESENTATION TO MR. I. A. ISAACS.

[FROM OUR MANCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.]

A pleasing function in the Manchester Jewish Community was enacted on Monday evening last when a presentation was made to Mr. I. A. Isaacs, who has been for close upon thirty years the Secretary of the Manchester Jewish Board of Guardians, and who recently celebrated his silver wedding. On this latter circumstance becoming known the Committee of the Board of Guardians decided to mark their appreciation in a suitable manner of the valuable work performed for the community by Mr. Isaacs during his tenure of office. To this effect a private subscription was instituted amongst the Honorary Officers and Members of the Board with a very gratifying result. The presentation was made in the library of the Manchester Jewish School in the presence of about thirty gentlemen representative of the different communal institutions on the Board which, in itself, reflects the composition of all the different Synagogues in the City.

Alderman Frankenburg, President of the Manchester Jewish Board of Guardians occupied the Chair, and was supported by his Honorary Officers and Committee. Mr. Frankenburg expressed his pleasure in having the opportunity of presenting Mr. Isaacs with the testimonial in recognition of the very valuable services he had rendered during the last twenty-nine or thirty years. As regards himself he could assure him that during his own connection with the Board of Guardians and other Charities, he (Mr. Frankenburg) had never had a more pleasant duty than he had to perform that evening. Referring to his connection with the Board and with the Great Synagogue, of which Mr. Isaacs was formerly Secretary, he could only say, that when he heard that Mr. Isaacs was about to celebrate his silver wedding, he at once felt that it was incumbent to mark the occasion suitably, and he had now great pleasure in handing to Mr. Isaacs an illuminated address with the accompanying cheque for two hundred pounds, which had been subscribed for privately by the members of the Board.—(Applause.)

The address, which was contained in a handsome gilt frame, reads as follows:—

To Mr. Isaac Asher Isaacs,
Ripley House, Cheetham Hill,
Manchester.

Dear Sir,—The Board of Guardians for the Relief of the Jewish Poor of Manchester and those associated with their work, desire your acceptance, on the occasion of your silver wedding, of this testimonial, together with the accompanying gift, as a mark of esteem and in grateful acknowledgment of the many valuable services rendered by you to the Jewish community during the last thirty years.

They, at the same time, desire to express their earnest hope that you and your wife may be spared for many years to carry on the good work with which you have been so long and so ably associated.

Signed on behalf of the Subscribers,
I. Frankenburg, President.
Max Hesse, Vice-President.
A. J. S. Bles, Treasurer.
D. Q. Henriques, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. Max Hesse said that to speak about the work which had been performed by Mr. Isaacs would be useless to those present for they all knew it for themselves. In fact it would like bringing coals to Newcastle. (Laughter). He would like to say with regard to the work of the Loan Department of the Board that without Mr. Isaacs' services they could never have made that work so successful as it had been and still was. Not only had they assisted poor Jews, but they had done more than that. They had given them such aid and counsel that the recipients were soon able to maintain themselves and their families instead of remaining in the sorrowful position they had found themselves in on their first entrance to this country. (Hear, hear). For much of these happy results they had to thank Mr. Isaacs. He was sure that Mr. Isaacs would prize the testimonial not so much for its intrinsic value but as an inheritance to be handed down to his children's children. He hoped that he and his dear wife might be spared to work for many years for the cause in which he was so deeply interested. The Jewish community not only in England but all over the world had learnt how charity could be given efficiently and at the lowest cost also.

The Rev. Dr. B. Salomon also spoke in appreciative terms of the many acts of kindness performed by Mr. Isaacs which had come to his own knowledge. It was that gentleman's object to relieve genuine poverty without adding the taint of pauperism. (Applause).

Mr. Isaacs, in rising to acknowledge the presentation, and speaking with some degree of emotion, said that he was unable sufficiently to express his sentiment of gratitude for the appreciation which had been shown of his services. His connection with the work of the Manchester Jewish Board of Guardians had always been a source of pleasure to him. It would be invidious for him to mention specially those gentlemen with whom he had had the honour of being associated with in that work. He would always however recall with pride the fact that he had had the privilege of being associated with gentlemen who were no longer with them, like the late Professor Isaacs and Professor Theodores, Mr. Arthur Henriques, Mr. Philip Falk, Mr. Louis Schloss and the Rev. L. M. Simmons. He was proud of having been of some service to an institution which not only regarded the poor, but the sick and the infirm, the widow and the orphan as well. By its efforts an army of industrial workers in the battle of life had been trained and the professional mendicant had been eradicated. With reference to the work of the Loan Department, which had been specially alluded to, he hoped that those present would not begrudge him the satisfaction which he felt at knowing that of the thousands of enquiries which had been made in that connection everyone had been made by himself.—(Hear, hear.) His success in the work he had undertaken he owed to two causes: Firstly, to the generous encouragement he had always received; secondly, to the counsel and assistance that his dear wife had given him. Mrs. Isaacs was herself a communal worker, and she formed a link between the institutions with which he himself was connected and these others in which she was interested. He could only thank those present for the handsome manner in which they had marked this joyous epoch in the united careers of his wife and himself, and he trusted that both Mrs. Isaacs and he would be spared for many years to work for the welfare of the Jewish community, and therefore for the good of the whole city.—(Applause.)

On the motion of Mr. Max Hesse, seconded by Mr. A. J. Bles, Alderman Frankenburg was thanked for his services in the chair and for being present to make the presentation.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from Councillor Dreyfus, Mr. Rex D. Cohen, Mr. A. Franks, Lieut.-Colonel E. A. Behrens and other gentlemen.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. ISAACS.

JEWISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Results Compiled to Sunday, February 3rd.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Goals. For.	Goals. Against.	Points.
South London	6	5	1	13	2	10
Norwood Old Boys	7	4	3	15	10	8
Free School	5	3	1	14	3	7
West Central	6	3	3	9	11	6
Brady Street	6	2	3	8	7	5
Endearment	6	0	6	2	28	0

The match Jews' Free School *v.* Zebra Football Club was played at Walthamstow on Sunday, in splendid football weather. Dancyger opened the scoring with one for the school, about five minutes after the commencement of the game. The "Zebras" were unable to score in either half, while the school netted the nice total of fourteen goals, seven of which came from the foot of Dancyger and four from Myers. All the forward line scored.

Miss Isabel Marks contributes an interesting description, with illustrations, of a bicycle tour in the Belgian Ardennes, to the February number of the "C. T. C." Gazette.

JOHNSTON'S CORN FLOUR.

THE PROVINCES.

BELFAST.

At a meeting held on Sunday by the Belfast Dorshei Zion Society, Messrs. E. Bernstein, J. Shear, J. Sharlack, H. Morris, and B. Levene were elected on the Committee. Mr. S. Sugarman was elected Vice-President in place of Mr. M. Miller resigned. £2 was voted for the unemployed labourers in Palestine, and a fund opened for private subscriptions.

BIRMINGHAM.

At a meeting of the Birmingham Jewish Young Men's Association held on Sunday, Mr. S. Caro Gordon presiding, the Rev. A. A. Green delivered a lecture on "Some Characteristics and Defects of Modern Judaism." On the proposition of the Rev. G. J. Emanuel, seconded by Mr. S. M. Levi, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Green.

BRADFORD.

Last Sunday evening an interesting lecture was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Strauss "On the origin and development of Zionism," to the members of the Jewish Workmen's Club. The lecture, which was delivered entirely without notes, was very attentively listened to. An animated discussion took place after the lecture. Mr. Moser, J.P., occupied the Chair.

The monthly meeting of the Montefiore Zionist Society was held last Sunday. Mr. J. Moser, J.P., occupied the Chair. The Rev. Dr. Strauss delivered an address "Should every Jew support Zionism?"

BRISTOL.

On Sunday last the first annual meeting of the Bristol Zionist Society was held, Mr. A. Harrisberg the Treasurer, Presided. The usual routine of business was gone through. The Auditors, the Rev. J. Abelson and Mr. L. Goldberg, gave their report, and congratulated the Society on having a balance on the right side. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. L. Goldberg; Vice-President, Mr. L. Schneiderman; Treasurer, Mr. P. Cirelstein; Hon. Secretary, L. Lowenthall. Committee: Messrs. H. Cohen, S. Fox, D. Liberman, S. Kirsh, M. Shindler, D. Strimer, M. Goldman, H. Berkowitch and M. Bertish and A. Harrisberg as past officers.

CORK.

Amongst those who have passed the final examination of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons is Mr. M. M. Goldfoot, of Cork, whose scholastic career has been one of much distinction. Mr. Goldfoot is but twenty-two years of age.

EDINBURGH.

On Sunday evening last Mr. S. Stungo delivered a lecture before the Jewish Literary Society entitled "The Regeneration of Israel." The lecturer dwelt on the subject as a follower of Zionism as expounded by Dr. Herzl. A discussion followed. Mr. C. I. Michaelson presided.

GRIMSBY.

Last Friday's *Grimsby News* published a letter by the Rev. B. H. Rosengard rebutting an attack upon Judaism recently made by the Rev. J. Odell, the President of the Primitive Methodist Church.

LEEDS.

The Rev. M. Abrahams, B.A., lectured at the Jewish Young Men's Association last Sunday on the Jews of England in the Victorian Era. Mr. V. Lightman presided.

An appeal, signed by Mr. Jacob Clayman and Mr. Solomon Marks, Secretary, has been issued by the Leeds Jewish Workman's Benefit Society for funds to pay the cost of a plot of land which has been purchased for a burial-ground for the poor.

The Rev. M. Abrahams, B.A., delivered a lecture on Sunday evening last, at the Leeds Jewish Young Men's Association on "English Jews under the reign of Queen Victoria." Mr. Victor Lightman occupied the chair, and the room was filled by an attentive audience of ladies and gentlemen, who showed their appreciation for the lecture at several parts. The lecturer dealt mainly with the struggle for political emancipation during the early part of Queen Victoria's reign, tracing one by one the removal of the several disabilities under which the Jews laboured, and giving the full history of the manner in which the Jews had availed themselves of their privileges down to the present time. In conclusion, the lecturer paid a tribute to Her late Majesty, and commented upon the good feeling always displayed by her towards her Jewish subjects. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. J. B. Shacksnovis (the Vice-Chairman of the Association), seconded by Mr. J. Rosenbom (the Chairman), and supported by Mr. J. Cohen. The Rev. M. Abrahams responded, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. Victor Lightman, which was seconded by the Rev. S. Davidson and seconded by Mr. J. Israel (Hon. Secretary of the Association).

LIMERICK.

Mr. M. J. Blond has been elected Hon. Secretary of the local Chovevi Zion Society.

MANCHESTER.

One of the most spirited lectures this season was given on Sunday last at the Working Men's Club by Mr. John Hempsall, who took as his subject "British v. Dutch in South Africa," making a historical survey of the history of South Africa from its discovery down to the present day. After a discussion a vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer on the motion of Mr. Harry Rosenbaum. Mr. A. Sunderland was Chairman.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

A concert was given at the Jewish Working Men's Club on Sunday under the direction of Mr. Mark Abrahams, Hon. Secretary of the Entertainment Committee. The principal artists from the pantomimes appeared, viz., Mis Evie Greene, Messrs. Regan and Ryan, Mr. Montague, "Pimple," of Tom White's Arabs, Harry Wenburn, Griff, Harry Lawson, and others. Mr. Montague responded to the vote of thanks. The chair was taken by Mr. G. Wolfe, Chairman of the Club. The Chairman's brother, Mr. Joe Wolfe, who is leaving on Tuesday for the Front, was wished by all present God speed and a safe return.

Mr. Marcus Falk has presented to the synagogue a handsome silver spice box in memory of his brother, the late Mr. D. Falk.

PORTSMOUTH.

A correspondent writes: There passed away, amidst universal regret on Sunday last, a lady who was universally beloved for the many good traits she possessed. Miss Leah Levy was one of those kind and affectionate creatures who delight in doing good by stealth. In character she was unobtrusive and unassuming. But her force of character made her influence felt in the home and in every circle she moved in. In the home she acted as foster mother to the children of her brother, who had the misfortune to lose his beloved wife many years back. She trained his children in such a manner that each became a worthy member of society. One in particular, Mr. S. A. Levy, is one of the leading members of this community. He is an ardent Zionist, and takes an interest in every society in the town. Leah Levy will be missed in several homes, as her kindliness of nature, her sympathy and charity knew no bounds. Her mild disposition always tended to promote peace, and she retained to the end the love, esteem and confidence of her numerous friends.

RAMSGATE.

The Rev. B. J. Salomons gave last Sunday at Montefiore College the third of his lectures on the Early History of Prayer.

SHEFFIELD.

The Rev. A. Chaikin delivered a sermon in the North Church Street Synagogue on Hospital Sunday. The collection amounted to £10.

WREXHAM.

Messrs. S. Bloom and Max L. Woolfe have been elected Trustees of the Hebrew Congregation, Bradley Road.

East London Orphan Aid Society.

The annual general meeting of the East London Orphan Aid Society was held at the Great Hall of the Jews' Free School on Sunday last, and was largely attended.

In opening the meeting the President, Mr. Lewis Levy, explained that the arrangement for the enlivening of the proceedings by the band of the Orphanage had been cancelled in consequence of the death of the Queen, and he thought that before they dealt with the business that had brought them together, it was appropriate that they should express their sympathy with their new King and Queen, and convey their respectful allegiance to them. Reviewing the progress of the Society during the past year, he said it was gratifying to find that they had beaten all previous records, having added no less than two hundred new members to the Society, bringing the total up to close upon 1,600, with the result that their support to the parent institution was considerably increased. For this excellent result thanks were due to their Treasurer, Mr. J. M. Lissack, and his representative among the members, their energetic Collector, Mr. E. A. Dight. The Society would regret losing the services of Mr. Lissack, who had served them so well, but the members would agree that Mr. Lissack was entitled to hand over his duties to another gentleman after having performed them for ten consecutive years, during which the Society had been strengthened from year to year. Their cause was a very popular one, and he felt sure the interest of East Enders in the Norwood charity would not flag in any way. The school was quite full, 320 children now being provided for; but he felt that the number maintained should not be kept at these figures, but that arrangements should be made in the near future for helping a large number of cases. He heartily congratulated the Society on the success that had attended their efforts, and urged them to continue their work for the benefit of the orphan and the unfortunate.

Mr. J. M. Lissack, in bringing up the last Balance Sheet for which he would be responsible to the Society, pointed out that in addition to the sum of thirty guineas obtained for Life Governorships by their President they had been enabled to hand over to the Norwood authorities £351 15s, of which no less than £271 had been collected by small weekly and monthly subscriptions. This item showed a larger increase than in any previous year and was the most satisfactory feature of their Society for it enabled the poor man to support a great communal institution. In moving the adoption of the Balance Sheet he took the opportunity of recommending to them his successor in the person of Mr. S. Stephany who had for many years devoted much time and labour to auditing the accounts of the Society which was a task requiring much patience, dealing as it did with a large number of small amounts. He was glad that he had been able to serve the Society for so many years and he trusted it would continue to prosper. The Balance Sheet having been adopted, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Lissack for his many years' services in the office he relinquished.

There being twenty members nominated for the Committee which is limited to fifteen, Messrs. I. Goldstein, Asher Levy and S. Stephany were appointed Scrutineers. During the counting of the votes Miss Lydia Levy sang with much feeling the "Queen of Paradise" and "Entreat me not to leave thee" from Ruth, and was enthusiastically encored for the latter selection.

In moving the election of the Honorary Officers, including Mr S. Stephany as Treasurer, in place of Mr. Lissack, the Rev. J. F. Stern said that no meeting could be held in East London that day without reference being made to the loss the community had sustained by the lamentable death of one of its best known and most able workers, the late Mr. Lionel L. Alexander. He recalled that Mr. Alexander was present at the public meeting held to establish their Society, when he addressed words of encouragement to them which had been fully realised. No one man had been connected during so brief a career with so many institutions as had Mr. Lionel Alexander. The Orphan Asylum, the Jewish Board of Guardians, the Home and Hospital for Incurables, the Stepney Jewish Schools, the Religious Education Board and the Working Men's Club, had all received valued service at his hands, and he had left his mark upon them all. It was to the originality and genius of Mr. Alexander that the community had always turned for wise suggestions when it was sought to revive interest in some languishing institution, and they never turned to him in vain. They would lament his loss as of one who had devoted great talents and considerable time to the best interests of the community; and in the East End, with which he was so intimately acquainted, his premature death would be much lamented and his name held in the deepest reverence.

The honorary officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Lewis Levy; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Green and S. H. Valentine; Treasurer, Mr. S. Stephany; Hon. Sec., Rev. J. F. Stern; Auditors, Miss B. N. Cohen and Messrs. I. Goldstein and I. Sawyer.

Miss Beatrice N. Cohen then presented certificates of Life Governorship to those members who had drawn them at the last general meeting. A Life Governorship was also conferred on Miss Jennie Stephany by the parent institution for her zealous services as an Honorary Canvasser of the Society. A ballot for thirteen Life Governorships then took place, the following being successful:

Mr. M. Koski, Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Levinson, Mr. Swyers, Mrs. R. Tournoff, Mr. P Levene, Mrs. Mary Conviser, Mr. E. Isaacs, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. L. Phillips, Mrs. Frenchman and Mr. P. Schneiders.

Votes of thanks were passed to Miss Beatrice N. Cohen and Miss Lydia Levy.

The following were declared elected on the Committee:

Mr. David Sawyer, Mr. J. Stephany, Mr. P. Raphael, Mr. M. Sawyer, Mr. B Abrahams, Mr. L. L. Cohen, Mr. A. Balcombe, Mr. S. Amstel, Mr. P. M Van Leer, Mr. E. Bloomfield, Mr. J. Goldstein, Mr. James A. Samuel, Miss L. Samson, Mr. S. Myers and Mr. B. Davids.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem led by Miss Lydia Levy.

Jewish Labour News.

The latest development of the lock-out in the Boot and Shoe trade is the formation of a Co-operative Productive Society, to be carried on for the sole benefit of the Employés. At an initial meeting held at "The George," Mansell Street, the new organisation was called into being by several well-known gentlemen connected with the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, prominent among whom is Mr. L. Rosenberg. Elected as Chairman of the meeting, he declared in his opening remarks that to his best knowledge the workmen's wages were only one-tenth of the manufacturer's profits. They should endeavour to become their own masters and enjoy equal rights and the full fruits of their labour, working at co-operative shops opened and managed by themselves. It was then decided that the venture be named the Co-operative Workers of the Fancy Shoe and Slipper Trade, and that the first shop be opened in May, 1901. Several Unions connected with this trade, such as the Upper Machinists and the Hand Sewn Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, are enthusiastically supporting the movement morally and financially.

The Amalgamated Cigarette Makers' and Tobacco Cutters' Union have during the last few months made an attempt at re-organisation on lines hitherto unfamiliar to most Jewish Unions in general and to the cigarette makers in particular. Notwithstanding the introduction of machines, of which one only is said to turn out 30,000 cigarettes per hour, and the employment of a large number of women, mostly in the cheap class of trade, at very low wages, the cigarette maker, to say nothing of the Turkish tobacco cutter, has come to be regarded as a skilled workman, to whose level neither the machines nor even the cheap class worker will ever be able to come up. Hence the necessity for thorough organisation on lines similar to their sister branch—the English cigar makers. Hitherto however, they have been reluctant to recognise the advantages of English methods, and this with disastrous results. Four times have they been organised and reorganised, yet, about six months ago the Union very nearly collapsed for want of men and funds. Necessity being the mother of invention, it began to dawn upon the official mind that they must provide a living interest for the members if they wished to retain them within the ranks. Accordingly, they have raised the weekly subscription one penny, and are engaged on a scheme containing the provision of Out-of-Work Benefit of about 8s. or 10s. per week. So successful has this innovation been that now, at the end of two quarters, their membership stands considerably over 200, with a cash balance of £23. One of the encouraging signs for the future is the fact that during the last quarter they have increased their membership by 73 and saved £14. The officials also contemplate introducing a sick benefit in addition to the out-of-work benefit, which, it is thought, must prove a further attraction to the workers in the trade to join the Union.

Chevras and Friendly Societies.

Hebrew Order of Druids.—The adjourned general meeting of the Baron Hirsch Lodge, No. 4, was held on Sunday last. Bro. P. Goodman on taking the chair as President, made reference to the lamented death of the Queen, and asked no more of the members but to read the *Jewish Chronicle* to see what progress the Jews had made since Queen Victoria ascended the throne. Bro. I. Enoch, Vice-Chairman, also spoke. It was resolved that a telegram of sympathy should be sent to His Majesty the King. The President then declared the funds "open." Bro. I. Enoch, Bro. D. Cohen, retiring Secretary, and one of the founders, and others, addressed the members on the position and prospects of the lodge. Testimonials were presented to Bros. Goodman, President, and S. Rosenthal, Treasurer, for their past services. Several toasts were proposed.

Grand Order Shield of Abraham.—The annual meeting of the King Joseph Lodge was held on Saturday evening last, at "Northumberland Head," Fort Street, Spitalfields. The balance-sheet was adopted unanimously. The members number nearly one hundred. The following officers were installed: Chairman, Bro. E. Woolf; Vice-Chairman, Bro. L. Goldman; Secretary, Bro. I. Ortner; Recording Secretary, Bro. H. Solomon; and Treasurer, Bro. A. Bene.

Great Alie Street Synagogue.—The annual general meeting of members was held on Sunday last at the Great Alie Street Synagogue, Mr. S. Goodman President, in the chair, and Mr. J. Berg in the vice-chair. The balance sheet, which showed a surplus of £56, was read by the Secretary and unanimously adopted. Mr. R. Shaer was unanimously elected Hon. President for life, and the following hon. officers were elected by ballot: President, Mr. S. Goodman; Vice-President, Mr. G. Wright; Wardens, Messrs. W. Cohen and J. Berg; Treasurer Mr. N. Lesser; Auditors, Messrs. W. Makover, M. Menny and M. Rosen; Delegates to Federation, Messrs. M. Klapper, G. Makover and K. Shaer; Secretary, Mr. A. Mundy. The Committee were mostly re-elected.

Grand Order of Israel.—At a public meeting in the Social Democratic Hall, Drummond Street, Edinburgh, Mr. Max Bernstein in the Chair, it was unanimously resolved that a Lodge of the Grand Order of Israel be formed in that town, the Lodge to be named the King Edward VII. Lodge, No. 13. Fifty-two members were immediately enrolled. The temporary officers are Mr. Michaelson, Chairman Mr. Speculand, Treasurer, and Mr. Meyer Joseph, Secretary. Bro I. Lewis and L. Levine, the Founders, were assisted by Bros. I. Eisenberg and W. Goldstone.—At a special meeting of Dr. Herzl Lodge at the Grand National Hall, Main Street, Glasgow, Bro. I. Lewis, Noble Master Presiding, Bro. Max Bernstein moved a resolution of sympathy on the death of the Queen. The resolution was seconded by Bro. I. Spice and carried in silence, the members remaining upstanding.

Order Achei Brith.—The quarterly general meeting of the "Sir Faudel Phillips" Lodge No. 6, was held on Sunday last at the Beehive Hotel, 122, High Street, Whitechapel, Bro. S. De Haas, President in the Chair, Bro. D. Levy, Vice, in the Vice Chair. Bro. de Haas after opening the meeting with the customary ceremonies, expressed the sorrow felt all over the world at the death of Queen Victoria, and moved that a vote of sympathy be forwarded to the King. Bro. D. Levy seconded the motion which was carried upstanding and silently. Bro. Secretary Charles S. Lewis read the Balance Sheet which showed an increase of £54, an expenditure of £36, and the total value of funds invested £151; the Balance Sheet was adopted unanimously. Votes of thanks were passed to the Honorary Officers.

Chess.—In a match against the "St. Martin's Chess Club," the "Maida Vale Chess Club" won six games out of eight.

City of London Benevolent (Widows) Society.—A meeting held at 4, Great Prescot Street, on Monday, Mr. A. Ricardo, President, in the Chair and Mr. J. Goldman in the Vice-Chair, a vote of condolence was passed to the King and the members of the Royal Family on the death of Her late Majesty. It was resolved to grant the bounty for the ensuing elections to fifteen widows, the applications being unusually large.

Poor Jews' Temporary Shelter.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Somper, the Superintendent and Matron, entertained the inmates of this institution on Saturday morning last with brandy and cake, and on Sunday afternoon with a substantial poultry dinner and fruit, on the occasion of the Barmitzvah of their eldest son, Morris. The Rev. N. Lipman addressed the Barmitzvah on Saturday morning before Musaph, in the synagogue connected with the Shelter.

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A CHANGED CHILD.

ASTONISHING FACTS.

The *Cheltenham Mercury* prints an extraordinary story by the parents of a child at 20 Duke Street, Cheltenham, where a reporter interviewed them.

"I believe," began the reporter to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, the parents of the child, "that one of your children has had an astonishing experience?"

"Oh yes," replied the mother, "you mean little Flora. Come in, sir, and I will tell you about it."

Seated in the midst of her family of young children, Mrs. Andrews began: "The little girl I am going to tell you about was a strong, healthy child until she was three and a half years old, when she contracted rheumatic fever in a very severe form. Do what we would for her, the child was unable to shake off the effects of the fever, and for twelve months she was under the skilful treatment of two physicians, but she grew worse and worse, and was finally ordered to be removed to the Cheltenham General Hospital. In this institution she remained for five months, and then the doctors told me nothing could be done for her, and she came out 'incurable.' The doctors held out no hope of her living more than a few weeks. She lay in a high-backed chair, a perfectly helpless little cripple. She was not dressed for over eleven months, and for twelve weeks was unable to raise her hands to her mouth, and had to be fed like an infant; in fact," said the mother, "her body and her legs were drawn up in all shapes, and her little hands twisted just like you would see those of a painter suffering from colic. For some months the child's grandmother had been advising me to try Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, but I would not do so, as I thought that if all the doctors were unable to do anything to cure my child, pills would be useless."

Little Flora Andrews.
(From a photograph taken by E. Mentor & Co, Cheltenham, after her removal from the hospital).

"You did use the pills eventually?" asked the reporter.

"Oh yes; it came about in this way. Mr. Alfred Fennel, a plumber, showed my husband a paper with the full account of the wonderful cure of a little boy named Dodd, who lived in the Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham. This little chap had been for years helpless on a special couch; he had been operated upon again and again, but without result. He was a perfectly hopeless case. Dr. Williams' pink pills not only cured him and enabled him to walk, but actually made him a robust, active boy. Nobody could have conceived that he would ever be anything but a life-long cripple. Seeming to see a ray of hope, we decided to try a box as a last resource. I forgot to tell you though, that we had a photograph of Flora taken when she came out of the hospital, and there (showing the reporter the picture) you will see the child in her chair more dead than alive."

"And is the child here now?" asked the reporter.

"Yes, there she is," answered the mother, pointing to a bright, healthy girl, whom it was very difficult to reconcile with the photograph of the little sufferer. The happy-looking little maid was in charge of two or three younger children, and her animated face spoke volumes for the good health of her system.

"I began," continued Mrs. Andrews, "to give Flora half a pill twice a day, and in a few days her appetite showed signs of improving, and food she had previously rejected she now ate with a show of relish. This was in June, 1899, and before Flora had taken the first box she regained the use of her hands. Then my husband and I began to entertain hopes that her life would yet be spared, and we persevered with the pills. Gradually the colour returned to her cheeks, the little emaciated form began to show signs of vigour, and she put on flesh quite rapidly, until after taking nine boxes our joy was great to see Flora regain the use of her legs, and stood up once more strong and healthy."

"Did she take any other medicine?" asked the reporter.

"Nothing whatever, only Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people," answered the mother.

"And you attribute her miraculous cure to that medicine, and that only?"

"Yes, I am perfectly certain of it, and I am pleased Flora's case is to be published in the papers, for I believe Dr. Williams' pink pills capable of curing many such cases as that of my little daughter. I am thankful that my child's life has been spared, and I feel that I should be failing in my duty if I did not let people know how she was saved. The neighbours around here are perfectly astonished at the cure, and many of them can talk of little else. There is another little girl at the top of the street who has been paralysed all her life, and her mother, hearing about my child's recovery, has just begun giving her Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, but although it is as yet too early to say much about the case, the mother has already told me that in the short space of a week the child has shown decided improvement. There is one little incident I should like to relate to you. When Flora was discharged from the hospital, one of the nurses, in order to keep up her spirits, said very kindly, 'Mind, Flora, you must come to our Christmas tree.' Of course, she never dreamt that the child would be alive at Christmas, and the astonishment of all at the hospital was great when Flora walked sturdily into the hospital along with me, and took part in the Christmas tree."

Little Flora Andrews.
From a photograph recently taken by C. A. Pinnock, Cheltenham.

The father corroborated all his wife had said. "I am thankful to be able to give this testimony to the good done my little daughter by Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people," he remarked, "and hope it may be of use to other sufferers."

Few things are more remarkable than the generous manner in which those who have benefitted by Dr. Williams' pink pills constantly come forward to relate their experience for the advantage of other sufferers. The reputation of these pills in all ranks of life, including the upper classes, accounts in a measure for the willingness of highly respected persons to associate themselves with them; but a tribute must be paid to the unselfish public spirit of the speakers. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews had no inducement except this spontaneous desire to benefit their fellow creatures. Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people are sold at two and ninepence a box; and where substitutes are troublesomely pushed, it may be worth while to send for them direct to Dr. Williams' medicine company, Holborn Viaduct, London, to avoid fraud. Among the diseases that have been cured may be mentioned anæmia, rheumatism, paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, consumption, bile, indigestion, and the disorders from which ladies suffer so frequently.—Advt.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... ... £15,900,000.

CAPITAL—PAID	£3,000 000
UNCALLED	2,300 000
RESERVE LIABILITY ...	10,600,000
	£15,900,000

RESERVE FUND (invested in English Government Securities), **£2,275,000**.
Number of Shareholders, **13,929.**

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The Directors have the pleasure to submit the Balance Sheet for the year 1900, and to report that after making provision for all bad and doubtful debts, and for the rebate of discount on current bills, the profits, including £79,209 16s. 7d. brought forward, amount to £776,697 5s. 1d., which has been appropriated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Interim Dividend of 10 per cent. paid in August last	300,000	0	0
A further Dividend of 11 per cent. (making 21 per cent for the year), payable 9th proximo ...	330 000	0	0
Transferred to the Reserve Fund ...	50 000	0	0
Balance carried forward to the profits of the year 1901 ...	96,697	5	1
	£776.697	5	1

The Directors retiring by rotation are Messrs. JOHN OLIVER HANSON, GEORGE HANBURY FIELD, and WILLIAM ROBERT MOBERLY.

Mr. HANSON and Mr. MOBERLY being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Directors have to announce, with great regret, that Mr. FIELD, who has occupied a seat at the Board for 35 years, and during that period rendered most valuable services to the Bank, does not, in consequence of ill-health, offer himself for re-election.

To fill the vacancy thus caused, WILLIAM HENRY NEVILLE GOSCHEN, Esq., of 12, Austin Friars, E.C., who is duly qualified, offer himself as a Candidate.

The Directors have to report that Sub-Branches have been opened at Ashton Gate Bristol, at Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, at Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, at Montpellier, Cheltenham, and in Regent Street, Salford; also that premises have been obtained in Frederick Street, Birmingham, and in New Briggate and Hunslet, Leeds, where Sub-Branches will be opened as soon as the necessary alterations have been completed.

Premises have also been secured in London for New Branches, in Fenchurch Street, and Finsbury Pavement, which will be opened shortly.

In conformity with the Act of Parliament, the Shareholders are required to elect the Auditors and fix their remuneration. Mr. Edwin Waterhouse (of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Co.), and Mr. William Barclay Peat (of Messrs. W. B. Peat and Co.), the retiring Auditors, offer themselves for re-election.

BALANCE-SHEET, 31st December, 1900.

LIABILITIES.									£	s.	d.
Capital:—											
40,000 Shares of £75 each, £10 10s. paid ...									420,000	0	0
215,000 „ £60 „ £12 „ ...									2 580.000	0	0
									£3,000,000	0	0
Reserve Fund ...									2,275,000	0	0
Current, Deposit and other Accounts, including rebate on Bills not due, provision for bad and doubtful debts, &c. ...									51,084,355	14	9
Acceptances and Endorsements of Foreign Bills on Account of Customers									485,802	10	6
Profit and Loss Account:—											
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, including £79,209 16s. 7d. brought from year 1899 ...				£776,697	5	1					
Less Interim Dividend, 10 per cent paid in August last ...	£300,000	0	0								
„ Dividend of 11 per cent. payable 9th February next	330,000	0	0								
„ Transferred to Reserve Fund	50,000	0	0								
				680,000	0	0					
									96,697	5	1
									£56,941 855	10	4

ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Cash:—						
At Bank of England and at Head Office and Branches ...				7,397 926	5	10
„ Call and Short Notice ...				4,170,248	6	11
Investments:—	£	s.	d.	£11,568,174	12	9
English Government Securities ...	8,910,077	9	0			
Indian and Colonial Government, Railway Debenture, and other Securities ...	7,343,428	17	1			
				16,253,506	6	1
Customers for Acceptances and Endorsements of Foreign Bills, per Contra ...				485,802	10	6
Bills Discounted, Loans, &c. ...				28,099.301	17	7
Bank Premises in London and Country ...				535,070	3	5
				£56,941,855	10	4

M. O. FITZGERALD, G. F. MALCOLMSON, ROBT. WIGRAM, } Directors.
F. CHURCHWARD, W. FIDGEON, R. T. HAINES, } Joint General Managers.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies' Act, 1900, we certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with; and we report that we have ascertained the correctness of the Cash Balances at the Head Office, the Money at Call and Short Notice, and the securities representing the investments of the Bank; and having examined the Balance Sheet in detail with the books at the Head Office and with the certified returns from each Branch, we are of opinion that such Balance Sheet is full and fair and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs, as shown by such books and returns.

EDWIN WATERHOUSE, WILLIAM BARCLAY PEAT, } Auditors.

At the Annual General Meeting, a resolution expressive of sympathy with the Royal Family in connection with the lamented death of H.M. The Queen, and of loyalty to H.M. The King having been carried unanimously, the above Report was adopted.

The retiring Directors, Mr. J. O. HANSON and Mr. W. R. MOBERLY were re-elected, and Mr. W. H. N. GOSCHEN was elected a Director of the Bank.

Mr. EDWIN WATERHOUSE and Mr. WILLIAM BARCLAY PEAT, were re-appointed auditors for the current year.

The best thanks of the proprietors were given to the Directors, General Managers, Branch Managers, and other Officers of the Bank for their efficient services and to the Chairman for his able conduct in the chair.

The National Provincial Bank of England, Limited, having numerous Branches in England and Wales, as well as Agents and Correspondents at home and abroad, affords great facilities to its customers, who may have money transmitted to the credit of their Accounts through any of the Branches free of charge.

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By order of the Directors,
F. CHURCHWARD, W. FIDGEON, R. T. HAINES, } Joint General Managers.

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